

## **Water Curtailment Stage 1**

Our community has taken mindful steps to use water wisely this summer and we want to thank you for all your efforts. However, recent weather conditions, fire activity, shutoff of the TID source, and access to the TAP intertie system being temporarily compromised due to the fires the current demand on the water system is higher than the inflow from the East and West Forks of Ashland Creek to Reeder Reservoir. In other words, the City's Reservoir supply cannot keep up with the water demands of our community. Until such time as the TAP source is available and/or demand drops below the supply source volumes entering Reeder Reservoir the City will institute water supply shortage curtailment measures.

The City will enter into water curtailment stage 1 as of September 14, 2020. There are four stages of curtailment detailed in Ashland Municipal Code 14.06 with stage 4 providing the strictest consumption usage.

Curtailment Stages for a typical residential customer with a .75" water meter:

Stage 1: 3600 cubic feet per month (26,929 gallons)

Stage 2: 2500 cubic feet per month (18,701 gallons)

Stage 3: 1800 cubic feet per month (13,464 gallons)

Stage 4: 900 cubic feet per month (6,732 gallons)

**We also ask residents to eliminate water waste during this time to the maximum extent feasible.**

- Don't use water to irrigate between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Don't allow water to run off onto streets, sidewalks, driveways or adjacent property for more than five minutes.
- Don't use water to wash sidewalk, walkways or other hard surfaces except where necessary for public health or safety.
- Don't allow water to escape from breaks within a plumbing system.
- Don't use water to wash cars, boats, trailers, aircraft or other vehicles by hose without using a shutoff nozzle.
- Don't serve drinking water in restaurants, hotels, cafes, or other public places unless requested by the customer.
- Don't use water to clean, fill or maintain decorative fountains, ponds etc. unless the water is re-circulated.
- Don't use water for dust control or washing building.

- Except for purposes of building construction, don't use water for compaction, dust control, cleaning or wetting or washing a building (except in preparation for painting).
- Don't use water to fill swimming pools or for filling toy, play or other pools with a capacity in excess of 100 gallons. Water may be added to swimming pools to replace volume loss due to evaporation but not more than 100 gallons.

The City's water conservation team is here to assist you in your efforts to use water efficiently and minimize waste. Follow this link for a brochure on "surviving drought"  
[www.ashland.or.us/survivingdrought](http://www.ashland.or.us/survivingdrought).

Additionally, there are a variety of programs, rebates and resources available to all of our customers to take advantage of. Please visit [www.ashlandsaveswater.org](http://www.ashlandsaveswater.org) or call 541-552-2062 for more information.