



NEWS RELEASE

Stage 1 Mild Water Shortage Conditions

The City of Aransas Pass buys treated water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD), who, in turn, buys raw water from the City of Corpus Christi. SPMWD and the City of Corpus Christi implemented similar restrictions last month. The City's contract with SPMWD requires the City to follow the City of Corpus Christi's plan.

City Manager Gary Edwards announced today that the City of Aransas Pass has entered Stage 2 – Mild water Shortage Conditions to reduce water usage by ten percent. Stage 1, which is part of the City's Drought Contingency Plan, limits watering to anyone using City water once a week.

The watering schedule for Stage 1 is:

- Tuesday – Even number residences
- Wednesday – Odd number residences
- Thursday – Multifamily and commercial

Irrigating landscaped areas is permitted on any day if it is utilizing a hand-held hose (with positive shutoff nozzle), a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or a drip irrigation system with a positive shutoff device. Exceptions for this restriction may be permitted, upon review and approval by the City Manager or designee, for the following uses: new plantings (for up to 60 days), vegetable gardens, athletic fields, and botanical gardens. Also, this restriction does not apply to customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system. Customers irrigating with well water or an aerobic septic system must apply for a permit from the City Utility Department to be prominently posted on the premises within two (2) feet of the street number located on the premises.

The City implemented Stage 1 in response to Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon Reservoir's combined storage levels dropping to 40% of capacity.

The City of Aransas Pass will continue to monitor the lake levels and adjust the Plan's stages level as needed. For additional information on the Drought Contingency Plan, visit the City's web site at www.aptx.gov. Customers with questions are encouraged to contact the Utility Department at (361) 758-5301.