

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
(by action of the Mayor)**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14, Article V of the City of Decatur Code of Ordinances and as further authorized by Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 288, Subchapter B, Rule 288.22 of the Texas Administrative Code, I do hereby DECLARE the existence of an EMERGENCY arising from a water supply shortage or water pressure deficit. All of the emergency water rationing provisions of such Article is hereby declared in force until such time as the EMERGENCY shall be declared terminated.

DECLARED this the 3rd day of JUNE, 2013.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Woodruff", is written over a horizontal line.

Martin Woodruff
Mayor, City of Decatur, Texas

Stage 1 Water Watch

Goal: Achieve a 15 percent reduction in total water use (e.g., total water use, daily water demand, etc.).

Supply Management Measures:

The City of Decatur will reduce the amount of water used for flushing fire hydrants, washing equipment, and watering parks or other grounds.

Water Use Restrictions Under threat of penalty for violation, the following water use restrictions shall apply to all persons:

- a. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation shall be limited to Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1,3, 5, 7 or 9), and irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 8:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
- b. No houses and businesses situated in any portion of the City of Decatur shall be permitted to water lawns or privately wash vehicles on Sundays.
- c. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rises. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport foods and perishables.

- d. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- e. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- f. Use of water from hydrants shall be limited to fire fighting, related activities, or other activities necessary to maintain public health, safety, and welfare, except that use of water from designated fire hydrants for construction purposes may be allowed under special permit from the City of Decatur.
- g. Use of water for the irrigation of golf course greens, tees, and fairways is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. However, if the golf course utilizes a potable water source other than that provided by the City of Decatur, the facility shall not be subject to those regulations.

All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to its patrons except when requested.

The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

1. Wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts or other hard-surfaced areas;
2. Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
3. Use of water for dust control;
Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street ; and
4. Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) with a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).