City of Breckenridge

EFFECTIVE 8/31/15

The City Manager is declaring Stage 4 Emergency Water Shortage Conditions due to failing infrastructure.

Stage 4 - Emergency Water Shortage Conditions

Target Water Use:

The goal for water use reduction under this drought stage is to limit total treated water use by all system users to less than 0.7 MGD.

Demand Management Measures:

Whenever emergency water shortage conditions exist, the City Manager shall:

a. Assess the severity of the problem and identify the actions needed and time required to solve the problem.
b. Notify system users (public) to reduce water use which includes prohibitions on:
    i. All outdoor irrigation of vegetation using potable water, and
    ii. Washing of mobile equipment except for public health and safety reasons,
    iii. Maintaining swimming pool levels,
    iv. Operation of ornamental fountains, and
    v. Commercial and industrial users must maintain a 15% reduction of water use compared to the same month of the previous year. A surcharge will be assessed for any water consumption that does not comply. Multiple offences will incur penalties and/or cutoff. If service is discontinued due to multiple offenses, the reconnect fee will be $500.
c. If appropriate, notify city, county, and/or state emergency response officials for assistance.
d. Undertake necessary actions, including repairs and/or clean-up as needed.
e. Prepare a post-event assessment report on the incident and critique of emergency response procedures and actions.

Notification of System Users:

f. The City Manager, or his/her designee, will contact wholesale water customers to discuss water supply and/or demand conditions and will request that wholesale water customers initiate mandatory curtailment in their systems.
g. The City Manager, or his/her designee, will provide a weekly report to news media with information regarding current water supply and/or demand conditions if drought conditions persist, and consumer information on water conservation measures and practices.
h. The City Manager will notify retail water users through local media outlets, wholesale customers via phone and written correspondence, and the TCEQ via phone and written correspondence within five working days of rescinding Stage 4 restrictions.

Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the City of Breckenridge at (254) 559-8287 or www.breckenridgetx.gov.

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