



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Fulton County Board of Commissioners

THRU: Zachary L. Williams, County Manager

FROM: Angela Parker, Director, Public Works

DATE: March 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has announced that the Drought Response Level Four restrictions on outdoor water use will remain in place across 55 North Georgia counties, including the metropolitan Atlanta area. However, additional exemptions have been granted to allow for the use of drip irrigation and soaker hoses.

Under the recent EPD Order, any household, business or other institution or property owner may use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to water existing landscapes up to three days per week, one hour per day, on an odd/even watering schedule between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 A.M. Even numbered and un-numbered addresses may water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and odd numbered addresses on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays during the same time period. For the purpose of this restriction "plants" mean trees, flowers, vines, shrubs and does not mean lawn grass or turf.

In addition to the newly added drip irrigation and soaker hose exemptions, the previous exemptions which allowed the filling of swimming pools and following limited landscape watering are still in effect:

- Hand watering will be allowed for 25 minutes per day on an odd/even schedule between midnight and 10 a.m. Odd numbered addresses can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Even numbered addresses can water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose.
- New landscape can be watered up to three days a week from midnight to 10 a.m. for a period of 10 weeks based on the odd/even schedule. Anyone wishing to water new landscape must register with the Outdoor Water Use Registration Program. The program is hosted on the Urban Agricultural Council web site at [www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com). Additionally, residents may also contact the Fulton County Extension office for assistance in getting registered.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

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