

# Garden? Yes!

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Here's what you CAN do in the landscape!

## Drought Level 4 counties\*

Property owners and managers in Drought Level 4 counties may use limited water on established and new installations by following these guidelines:

### Odd/even watering schedule

- Odd-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
- Even-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

### Existing landscapes

- **Hand watering:** 25 minutes per day on an odd/even watering schedule between midnight and 10 a.m. Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose.
- **Drip irrigation and soaker hoses:** Shrubs, trees and flower beds may be watered up to three days/week for one hour between midnight and 10 a.m..

### Newly installed landscapes

- New landscapes installed by homeowner/property manager OR professional landscape contractor can be watered up to three days/week from midnight to 10 a.m. for a period of 10 weeks based on the odd/even watering schedule with successful completion of the **Outdoor Water Use Registration Program**.
- Homeowners/property managers and professional landscape contractor must each register and successfully complete the **Outdoor Water Use Registration Program**:
  - Online at [www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com) (\$4.95 convenience fee)
  - Or contact your county extension agent (1-800-ASK-UGA). There is no fee for the program if taken at a county extension office, but **please call ahead for an appointment**.
- Post Outdoor Water Use Registration Program certificate of completion at property location.
- A new registration/completion of program is required for each new 10-week installation period.
- Aeration/seeding/overseeding are considered new installations.
- All types of irrigation may be used (installed irrigation systems, drip irrigation, soaker hoses).

### Chemical applications (fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide) applied by a professional

can be watered in upon treatment - make sure sign is posted on property with date/time of chemical application.

### Food gardens can be watered at any time.

\*Drought Level 4 Counties (3/3/09): Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, Dekalb, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Walker, Walton, White, Whitfield, and Wilkes.

*Watering restrictions are determined by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Local governments and water utilities that do not depend on Lake Lanier for water supply can petition EPD for more lenient outdoor water use schedules. Check with your local water provider to confirm restrictions in your area.*



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