

2023 Outdoor Water Use Schedule



Allowed Anytime

- Drip or soaker hose irrigation
- Hand watering with a hose with an automatic shut-off spray nozzle or hand-held container
- Hydroseeding
- Irrigation of newly installed turf (for first 30 days)
- Watering personal food gardens
- Installation, maintenance, or calibration of irrigation systems
- Pressure washing
- Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses, or public turf recreational areas
- Irrigation of plants for sale, resale, or installation
- Water from personal well or alternate source (gray water, rain water, condensate)
- Washing vehicles, driveways, parking lots or sidewalks WITH a shut-off spray nozzle or valve



Allowed only between 4:00 PM - 10:00 AM

- Automated irrigation systems
- Hand watering without an automatic shut-off spray nozzle
- Lawn sprinklers



Not allowed at anytime

- Failing to repair or bypass a leaking sprinkler head or emitter, valve, faucet, pipe, or toilet
- Allowing tap water to flow into public right of ways such as alleys, streets, gutters, or onto another person's property
- Operating an irrigation system during rain events exceeding 1/4 inch
- Washing vehicles, driveways, parking lots, or sidewalks WITHOUT using an automatic shut-off spray nozzle or valve

This Outdoor Water Use Schedule is consistent with the Outdoor Water Use Rules set forth in the Georgia Water Stewardship Act that went into effect statewide on June 20, 2010 and the Georgia Drought Management Rules, Chapter 391-3-30 Level 1 and Non-Drought Response. Water wasting prohibitions are per Athens-Clarke County Code of Ordinances Article 7, Sec. 5-3-123. This schedule may be changed by Athens-Clarke County Unified Govt. of the State of Georgia due to drought conditions.