

Akron Water Regulations
Akron Reservoir - Critical Water Levels
Drought Alert - 48"

Under a Drought Alert, Village water customers are asked to curtail non-essential use of water such as watering lawns and, washing down driveways.

Drought Warning - 72"

Under a Drought Warning, residents, businesses and organizations are being asked to begin serious water conservation measures in keeping with the gravity of the situation our community is facing.

Drought Emergency - Begins at 96"

Stage 1- 96"

A. No person or entity shall cause, permit or allow:

1. The continuing of any leak or waste from any water pipe, valve, faucet, conduit, equipment, facility or device connected to the water system or which utilizes water, on or in any premises owned, leased, managed, operated or controlled by such person or entity.
2. The washing of any vehicle by means of a hose, fire hydrant or other active source connected to the water system, except a commercial vehicle washing operation if equipment has been installed and is utilized so that at least 50% of the water used is recirculated by means of a system approved by the Department of Public Works.
3. The washing of any street, sidewalk, driveway, outdoor area, outdoor steps, building exterior or other structure by means of a hose, fire hydrant or other active source connected to the water system or which utilizes water.
4. The use of water from any source for any ornamental purpose, including but not limited to use in fountains, artificial waterfalls, reflecting pools, lakes and ponds.
5. The use of water from the water system to water any lawn, ornamental shrub, plant or tree except that:
 - a. Water may be used to water any vegetable garden from 4:00am - 5:00am and 9:00pm - 10:00pm.
 - b. Water may be used at any time to irrigate, from a hand held container, vegetables or fruits grown for human consumption.
 - c. Plant nurseries and other commercial users engaged in the business of growing, distributing or selling plants may use such water on their business premises for watering ornamental shrubs, plants or trees, provided that each such reduces its use of water by 15% or such other percentage as may hereafter be prescribed for nonresidential water users.
6. The opening or use of any fire hydrant, or the water therefrom, for any purpose other than actual fire protection except in accordance with a permit obtained from the Department of Public Works and only for the period of and the purpose authorized by such permit and in strict adherence to all terms and conditions set forth therein.
7. The use of water from the water system to fill or maintain the water level in any swimming pool.

B. Each nonresidential user of water from the Akron Water System shall prepare and retain a Water Consumption Reduction Plan, enabling it to reduce its use of water in stages of 15%, 20% and 25% based upon its water consumption during the calendar year. Such plans shall be designed so as to achieve and maintain the 15% reduction promptly, and to achieve the 20% and 25% reduction immediately upon the declaration of a Stage 2 and Stage 3 Emergency, respectively.

Each such user shall promptly implement the first phase of its plan during Stage 1, and shall reduce its consumption by 15%. On and after 30 days from the effective date of this regulation, each such user shall have its Water Consumption Reduction Plan in place and available for inspection. A copy of the completed plan shall be submitted to the department of Public Works for review.

Stage 2 - 108"

If, at any time the Mayor and Board of Trustees determine that the measures set forth under Stage 1 of this regulation have not resulted in a sufficient level of conservation in light of existing water supply conditions, a Stage 2 Emergency shall be declared. Upon declaration of a Stage 2 Emergency, in addition to the measures set forth hereinabove and in place of section A.5 under Stage 1.

A. No person or entity shall cause, permit or allow:

1. The use of water from the water system to water any lawn, ornamental shrub or plant, except that water may be used to irrigate, from a hand held container only, vegetables or fruits grown for human consumption.

B. Each nonresidential user of water from the water system shall fully implement its Stage 2 Water Consumption reduction Plan and shall immediately reduce its use of water by no less than 20%.

Stage 3 - 120"

If, after the imposition of the measures set forth in Stage 2 of this regulation the Mayor and Board of Trustees find that water consumption must be further reduced, a Stage 3 Emergency shall be declared. Upon declaration of a Stage 3 Emergency, in addition to the measures set forth hereinabove:

A. All nonresidential users of water from the water system shall fully implement its Stage 3 Water Consumption reduction Plan and shall reduce its consumption by no less than 25%.

B. All users, both residential and nonresidential, shall install water flow restriction devices in all showerheads.

Sanctions

Violations of this regulation shall be punishable by fines and penalties, which shall be determined by the Mayor and Board of Trustees.

A. Where a Leak and Waste Notice has been served and the condition to which such notice relates has not been corrected, a penalty of up to \$50.00 per day may be imposed at the discretion of the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Such penalty will be added to the quarterly water bill of the person or entity in violation.

B. Water service may be terminated for violations of any provision of this regulation or for any waste of water.

C. At the discretion of the Mayor and Board of Trustees, and in accordance with all existing contracts and agreements, water service to wholesale customers, who are purchasing excess water from the Village of Akron Municipal Water System, may be restricted by time and quantity to whatever extent is deemed appropriate, in the interest of maintaining sufficient supply to meet basic needs within the Village of Akron.

Variance

Upon the application of any person or entity, the Mayor and Board of Trustees may, at their discretion, grant a variance relieving such person or entity from compliance with any of the requirements of this regulation, if such person or entity demonstrates satisfactorily:

A. That undue hardship would otherwise result

B. That there are no possible alternatives

C. That the applicant has taken and will take all possible measures to conserve water, with a complete description of such measures and the water savings to be effected

D. That such variance is not inconsistent with the purpose of this emergency regulation.

In connection with any variance, which may be granted, the Mayor and Board of Trustees shall impose such terms and conditions, as they deem appropriate.