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According to state law, Georgians may water their lawns between 4 pm and 10 am at any time of the year, except during a Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) declared Drought Response. When drought conditions are present, EPD may implement a Drought Response Level 1, 2, or 3. These response actions have not been implemented since 2019. ([See Georgia Rules & Regulation 391-3-30 Drought Management](#))

| What activities can I do when a Drought Response Level is announced? | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|--|---|---|---|
| Irrigation outdoors for planting, growing, managing, or maintaining ground cover, trees, shrubs, or other plants | 4 pm – 10 am | 4 pm – 10 am, two days a week based on even/odd street address |  |
| Commercial agricultural operations |  |  |  |
| Capture & reuse of cooling system condensate or storm water |  |  |  |
| Reuse of gray water |  |  |  |
| Irrigation of personal food gardens *Unless using a drip or soaker hose |  |  | 4 pm – 10 am* |
| Irrigation of new plants/seed/turf during installation + 30 days |  |  |  |
| Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses |  |  |  |
| Hand watering with automatic cutoff hose or handheld container |  |  | 4 pm – 10 am |
| Use of water from private water wells or surface water |  |  |  |
| Irrigation of horticultural crops held for sale, resale or installation |  |  |  |



| What activities can I do when a Drought Response Level is announced? | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|---|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Irrigation of athletic fields, golf courses or public turf rec areas | ✓ | ✓ | 4 pm – 10 am, two days/week |
| Installation, maintenance or calibration of irrigation systems | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Hydroseeding | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Washing hard surfaces like streets, sidewalks, driveways, etc. *Unless for public safety | ✓ | ✗* | ✗* |
| Use of water for ornamental purposes like fountains, waterfalls, etc. | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Use of fire hydrants *Unless for public safety | ✓ | ✗* | ✗* |
| Washing vehicles like cars, boats, golf carts, etc. | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Non-commercial washing, pressure washing of structures | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| Charity car washes | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |