



Press Release

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City of Edgewater Declares Stage 1 Drought, Implements Mandatory Watering Restrictions

Outdoor watering limited to two days per week effective immediately.

Edgewater, CO – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The City of Edgewater today declared a Stage 1 drought, implementing mandatory water conservation restrictions effective immediately. The declaration follows action by the Denver Board of Water Commissioners, which declared a Stage 1 drought across its service area in response to historically low snowpack.

What Restrictions Apply

The City has implemented water restrictions which include no more than two days per week and follow a set schedule:

- **Even-numbered addresses:** Sunday and Thursday
- **Odd-numbered addresses:** Wednesday and Saturday
- **Multifamily & commercial:** Tuesday and Friday

In addition, customers must follow Edgewater's annual summer watering rules:

- No outdoor watering is permitted between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day.
- Vegetables, flowers, gardens, trees, shrubs and annuals may be watered any day using a hand-held hose or low-volume drip irrigation any day (following time of day requirements).
- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle when washing vehicles.
- Do not allow water to spray or run off onto pavement, gutters, or other paved surfaces.
- Leaking sprinkler systems must be repaired within 10 days.

Why Restrictions Are Necessary

Colorado is experiencing one of its driest and warmest years on record, with historically low snowpack. Denver Water, which supplies Edgewater's water, is seeking a 20 percent reduction in water use across its service area. While not a restriction, Denver Water also recommends keeping automatic irrigation systems off through mid-May. Most lawns do not need watering during cooler spring months.

City parks and Jeffco school campuses in Edgewater are subject to water budgets under the drought declaration, reducing their outdoor water use by 20 percent rather than following the day-of-week watering schedule that applies to residential customers. This is due to the large area and multiple watering zones.

Ways to Save More Water

Beyond following the watering schedule, there are several steps residents can take to reduce water use. Applying a layer of mulch around plants, trees, and garden beds helps soil retain moisture and reduces the need to water as frequently. Switching from sprinkler irrigation to drip lines or soaker hoses delivers water directly to roots with significantly less evaporation and runoff. For a longer-term impact, consider replacing turf or high-water-use plants with drought-tolerant varieties suited to Colorado’s climate.















Questions or Assistance

For questions and concerns, residents are encouraged to use Ask Edgewater at askedgewater.com. It serves as the City’s central hub for all customer service requests and support.

Water Restrictions Schedule

Water may be used on the following schedule – limiting 2 days per week per address.

No outdoor watering is permitted between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Even numbered address							
Odd numbered address							
Commercial and Multi - Family	