

Stage 4  
**Critical**

Drought

PHDI from -4.00 to -4.99  
Water Reduction Goal – 30%

Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District

**Continue to encourage the practice of water conservation methods and reduce overall usage by 30%.**

- **Re-use and re-circulate water whenever possible**
- **Check for and repair all leaks**
- **No watering of lawns or landscapes.**
- **No vehicle washing**
- **Do not use water to wash sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, tennis courts, or any outdoor surfaces except when required for human or animal health and safety reasons, or fire hazard prevention.**
- **Providing groundwater to ponds, tanks, lakes, reservoirs, swimming pools, or other surface impoundments for holding water regardless of capacity is prohibited.**
- **Water for dust control only when required by law.**
- **Watering livestock in leak-proof troughs is highly recommended.**

**Mandatory Water Reduction Decision:**

- **The Board may elect to enforce mandatory reductions for permitted users up to a 15% decrease in yearly production.**
- **If the Board chooses to adopt mandatory reductions on permitted users, the decision must be made prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> for the following calendar year's permitted use.**
- **A public meeting must be held and all permit holders will be notified prior to the meeting.**
- **The Board shall consider water reduction of a public water supply entity due to the implementation of their drought plan.**
- **The Board shall consider water reduction plans of other permitted users that have been implemented prior to the proposed date of the mandatory water reduction of the District.**
- **The Board can terminate the mandatory reduction at any time the Board determines the drought conditions improve to acceptable levels.**
- **The Board may not increase the mandatory reduction during the year the mandatory reduction is in effect.**