

## **Water Department Water Conservation Enforcement Policy**

The intent of this policy is to ensure that the water customers in the City of Lawrenceville are complying with the requirements set forth in the Water Conservation Ordinance that was amended in September of 2006. The City of Lawrenceville has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lawrenceville that the City of Lawrenceville Police Department and the City of Lawrenceville Water Department enforce the ordinance. As per the Water Conservation Ordinance, the water department has been given the authority to enforce the provisions of the ordinance. The City of Lawrenceville Police Department shall also be given full enforcement authority in enforcing the provisions of the ordinance. In order for a citation to be issued for violating the ordinance, the officer needs to be able to witness the violation taking place. Violations may not be reported as hearsay. Please refer to the City website for the current response level according the GA EPD regulations and requirements.

**Note: Use of hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing is prohibited.**

### **Use schedule during non-drought periods**

Outdoor water use other than exempted activities shall occur only as follows:

1. Odd-numbered addresses: Outdoor water use is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
2. Even-numbered addresses: Outdoor water use is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays.

### **Use schedule during declared drought response levels**

Declared Drought Response Level One:

- Outdoor water use may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight
- Scheduled days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- Scheduled days for even-numbered addresses are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays.

Declared Drought Response Level Two:

- Outdoor water use may occur on scheduled days within the hours of 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m.

- ❑ Scheduled days for odd-numbered addresses are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- ❑ Scheduled days for even-numbered addresses are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Sundays
- ❑ Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways except when necessary for public health and safety is prohibited.

Declared Drought Response Level Three:

- ❑ The scheduled day for odd-numbered addresses is Sunday.
- ❑ The scheduled day for even-numbered addresses and golf course fairways in Saturday.
- ❑ Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks and driveways except when necessary for public health and safety is prohibited.
- ❑ Filling installed swimming pools except when necessary for health care or structural integrity is prohibited.
- ❑ Washing vehicles such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes or golf carts is prohibited.
- ❑ Washing buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection is prohibited.
- ❑ Non-commercial fund-raisers, such as car washes are prohibited.
- ❑ Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life is prohibited.

Declared Drought Response Level Four:

- ❑ No outdoor water use is allowed, other than for activities exempted in section 40-105 of the Water Conservation Ordinance.

**The Water Conservation Ordinance allows the following exemptions concerning outdoor water uses:**

1. Capture and re-use of cooling system condensate or storm water in compliance with applicable local ordinances.
2. Re-use of gray water in compliance with applicable local ordinances.
3. The following established landscape water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of the Water Conservation Ordinance:
  - (a) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by the director to provide reclaimed wastewater.
  - (b) Irrigation of personal gardens.
  - (c) Newly (in place less than 30 days) installed landscapes are subject to the following:
    - (1) Irrigation of newly installed landscapes is allowed any day of the week, but only during allowed hours for the drought

response level in effect, for a period of 30 days following installation. No watering is allowed during drought response level four.

- (2) For new landscapes installed by a certified or licensed professionals, commercial exemptions apply.
- (d) The following golf course outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of the water conservation ordinance.
  - (1) Use of reclaimed wastewater by a designated user from a system permitted by GA EPD to provide reclaimed wastewater.
  - (2) Irrigation of fairways during times of non-drought and declared drought response level one.
  - (3) Irrigation of tees during times of non-drought and declared drought response levels one, two and three.
  - (4) Irrigation of greens.
- (e) The following commercial outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules for this rule.
  - (1) Professionally certified or licensed landscapers, golf course contractors and sports turf landscapers: during installation and 30 days following installation only. Professional landscapers must be certified or licensed for commercial exemptions to apply.
  - (2) Irrigation contractors: during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments only
  - (3) Sod producers.
  - (4) Ornamental growers.
  - (5) Fruit and vegetable growers.
  - (6) Retail garden centers.
  - (7) Hydro-seeding.
  - (8) Power-washing.
  - (9) Construction sites.
  - (10) Producers of food and fiber.
  - (11) Car washes.
  - (12) Other activities essential to daily business.
  - (13) Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf.

The City of Lawrenceville Police Department shall issue citations based on the above guidelines and those set forth in the Water Conservation Ordinance. First offense shall result in a written warning. Second offense shall result in a \$100 fine. Third offense shall result in a \$500 fine.

The exception shall be the prohibited use of hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing. The City of Lawrenceville Police Department shall issue citations based on the above guidelines and those set forth in Chapter 31 of the City general code of ordinances, section 31-109, "Tampering and/or Diversion of City Services". Any person who shall violate the provisions of this

Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and costs”.

The Director of Utilities has the authority to terminate water service to any offending party for repeated violations of this ordinance. The City of Lawrenceville Mayor and City Council reserves the right to make all necessary and reasonable rules and policies with respect to the enforcement of this policy as long as they are consistent with the provisions of the Water Conservation Ordinance.