

North Pecos Water and Sanitation District Water Restrictions

Effective May 1, 2026

Denver Water who provides water to NORTH PECOS WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT (North Pecos), is enacting a Stage 1 Drought. Record-low snowpack in areas where our water is collected are below average levels causing conservation measures. We purchase water from Denver Water and per our contract, will follow and enforce their rules and regulations.

Stage 1 drought means North Pecos Water and Denver Water are asking customers to reduce their total water use (outdoor and indoor) by at least 20%. This effort will help preserve water levels in reservoirs and help avoid the need to increase restrictions later this summer. To help reach that goal, we are imposing a surcharge and mandatory outdoor watering restrictions of two days per week on assigned days during the irrigation season through Oct. 1. The surcharge is to encourage water conservation, especially outdoor watering. Tiered usage is based on your winter baseline and is considered your essential use allowance, the more you exceed the baseline the more water will cost. Link to Denver Water rules - <https://www.denverwater.org/residential/rebates-and-conservation-tips/summer-watering-rules>

Rules and Enforcement

A. Rules Stage 1 Drought:

1. Customers must follow their assigned watering days - refer to Weekly Watering Schedule below
2. Lawns may be watered no more than two days per week.
3. Lawn watering is only allowed before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
4. Watering outside of your assigned days or hours is a violation and may result in enforcement action.
5. Summer Watering Rules (Applies to All Customers)

Weekly Watering Schedule

Customer type	Assigned watering days
A. Single-family residential: Even-numbered addresses.	Sunday and Thursday
B. Single-family residential: Odd-numbered addresses.	Wednesday and Saturday
C. All others (including multifamily and commercial). — Non-residential, large irrigation customers	Tuesday and Friday

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B. Enforcement of Violation:

1. North Pecos will not be patrolling for non-compliance but will respond to violators with the following:
 - a. First contact; to advise non-compliance watering schedule
 - b. Second contact - \$250.00 fine
 - c. Third contact - \$500.00 fine

Customer Implications

- A. The fee structure will apply to usage above the winter baseline and ensures that essential indoor use (health, sanitation, and basic domestic needs) is not penalized (Tier 1 – 0 to 5000 gallons
- B. A surcharge is a targeted, temporary mechanism to recover a specific external cost (Charge from Denver Water) which will sunset when Denver Water lifts the drought fee.
- C. The surcharge is designed to be revenue-neutral, used to encourage water conservation
- D. **Monthly Water Usage Charges for Residential, Commercial and Industrial customers within the District boundaries during the Stage 1 Drought:**

Current 2026 Rates:

Tier 1 - 0 to 5,000 gallons \$5.93/1,000 gallons
Tier 2 - 6,000 to 10,000 gallons \$7.44/1,000 gallons
Tier 3 - 11,000 to 15,000 gallons \$9.31/1,000 gallons
Tier 4 - 16,000 to 30,000 gallons \$11.17/1,000 gallons
Tier 5 - 31,000 gallons and over \$13.42/1,000 gallons

Stage 1 Drought Surcharge Rates:

Tier 1 - 0 to 5,000 gallons \$5.93/1,000 gallons **(No change)**
Tier 2 - 6,000 to 10,000 gallons \$9.09/1,000 gallons **(\$1.65 Increase)**
Tier 3 - 11,000 to 15,000 gallons \$11.79/1,000 gallons **(\$2.48 increase)**
Tier 4 - 16,000 to 30,000 gallons \$14.47/1,000 gallons **(\$3.30 increase)**
Tier 5 - 31,000 gallons and over \$18.15/1,000 gallons **(\$4.73 increase)**

Fire Hydrant Meter - \$35.00/1,000 gallons

\$36.65/1,000 gallons **(\$1.65 increase)**

Miscellaneous Information

- **Keep automatic sprinkler systems OFF until mid-to-late May.** Hand-water trees and shrubs if needed
- Do not allow water to pool in gutters, streets and alleys.
- Do not waste water by letting it spray on concrete and asphalt.
- Repair leaking sprinkler systems within 10 days.
- Do not irrigate while it is raining or during high winds.
- Use a hose nozzle with a shut-off valve when washing your car.
- Report Water Waste