

# City of Ruidoso Downs

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Gary L. Williams, Mayor

To: ALL CITIZENS OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

From: Gary L. Williams, Mayor

Date: March 17, 2015

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Whenever the weekly flow of Griffith Springs drops below 275 gallons per minute (GPM), the use of water rights from wells is restricted due to State Engineers Office limitations and/or system impairments prevent adequate delivery to any or all parts of the system to meet demand, the Public Works Director shall have the authority to impose Stage 2 water rationing. The target to be achieved through Stage 2 water rationing is a 30% reduction in daily water demand. The following requirements will be in effect.

- (1) The Mayor or Mayor's designee will make public announcements through the print and broadcast media that Stage 2 is in effect. The announcements will include a description of the rationing restrictions.

### STAGE 2 WATER RATIONING RESTRICTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (2) Use of water through a sprinkler system or use of water through a hose to water any grass, trees, plants, or other vegetation shall be determined as follows.
  - (a) Users with odd-numbered addresses shall be permitted to use water in the above manner on each Wednesday and Friday.
  - (b) Users with even-numbered addresses shall be permitted to use water in the above manner on each Tuesday and Saturday.
  - (c) Watering in the above manner shall be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- (3) These restrictions shall apply to all residences and to all businesses and institutions having lawns, gardens, trees, or shrubs, and shall be followed at all parks and public buildings which are watered with treated water. Areas watered with effluent or well water (private or

irrigation) are exempt from these restrictions; however, these users are strongly encouraged to use water wisely.

(4) No water shall be used to wash any vehicle (including fund-raising car washes at commercial businesses), except at places of business where autos are washed on every business day either with attendants, with automatic equipment, or by self-service.

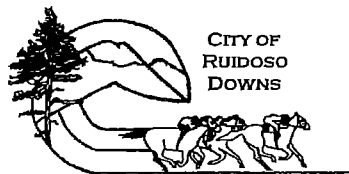
(5) No swimming pools will be filled and no water shall be added to any swimming pool. Indoor pools used for medical or rehabilitative purposes shall be exempt from this provision.

(6) Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or other impervious surface areas with a hose, except in emergencies to remove spills of hazardous materials or to eliminate dangerous conditions which threaten the public health, safety, or welfare, is prohibited.

(7) No potable water from the Municipal water system shall be used to Operate an ornamental fountain or similar structure.

Enforcement of Stage 2 water rationing will be by the City of Ruidoso Downs Code Enforcement Officer and by the City of Ruidoso Downs Police Officers as provided by Section 50.54 of the City of Ruidoso Downs Code of Ordinances.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call the City Clerk at 378-4422. Thank you.



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