



**The Albemarle County Service Authority Board of Directors has declared a Drought Warning effective Thursday, October 12, 2017**

**Mandatory Water Restrictions apply and the following water uses are prohibited:**

1. The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers or any other type of mobile equipment shall only be performed in a licensed certified vehicle wash facility.
2. The washing of sidewalks, streets, driveways, parking lots, service station aprons, or other outdoor surfaces shall be prohibited, except where mandated by state or local ordinance. The washing of exterior buildings shall be prohibited, except when performed by a licensed commercial power-washing company with written approval from the ACSA.
3. The watering of outside established trees, plants, shrubs, and home gardens shall only be conducted manually, using a non-leaking hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle, and only as necessary to preserve plant life. The use of outside, automatic irrigation systems, including in-ground systems, hoses, and oscillating sprinklers, shall be prohibited for all established lawns, trees, plants, shrubs, and home gardens. This limitation shall not apply to athletic fields and courts which may be watered only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m., and only as necessary to preserve plant life.
4. Newly seeded lawns and plantings shall be installed by a licensed contractor and shall have a 45-day establishment period from the date of installation. Sodded lawns shall be installed by a licensed contractor, shall have a 20-day establishment period and shall use no more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of water over the sodded area daily. Irrigation of newly installed plantings, and seeded and sodded lawns shall be conducted only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Prior to installing the new plantings and lawns by a licensed contractor, the customer shall provide the following to the ACSA:
  - a. A written estimate of the amount of water to be used during the establishment period.
  - b. A dated receipt from the licensed contractor noting the anticipated date of installation.
  - c. The irrigation method to be used.

Upon receipt of the above stated items, the ACSA shall issue a written notification of approval. Failure to provide required information or initiating installation prior to receipt of written approval shall be deemed a violation.

5. Testing and servicing of outside, automatic irrigation systems may be completed during a Drought Warning, only if the contract to install the system is dated prior to the declaration of the Drought Watch, and a copy is provided to the ACSA.
6. The operation of any ornamental fountain or other structure with a similar use of water shall be prohibited.
7. The filling and topping of swimming or wading pools requiring more than five (5) gallons of water, shall require written approval from the ACSA. Approval shall only be considered for those swimming or wading pools contracted to be installed prior to the declaration of the Drought Watch. A copy of the contract shall be provided to the ACSA.
8. The serving of drinking water in restaurants shall be prohibited, except upon request.
9. The use of water from fire hydrants for any purposes other than fire suppression shall be prohibited, unless otherwise specifically approved by the Executive Director.
10. The operation of any water-cooled comfort air-conditioning, which does not have water-conserving equipment in operation.
11. All commercial lodging establishments shall adopt a policy which limits the daily changing of washable linens and towels, and communicate that policy to their employees and guests.
12. The use of water through an exclusion meter shall be prohibited.

For more information on water conservation, visit [www.serviceauthority.org](http://www.serviceauthority.org).

**Remember Every Drop Saved Counts!**

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