



Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District

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DROUGHT STAGE 2

INFORMATION FOR PERMIT & WELL REGISTRATION APPLICANTS

Effective Date: July 16, 2026

Current Status: County-wide Drought Stage 2 (Moderate Drought)

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The District is currently in **Drought Stage 2** for the entire county. Your well or permit falls under the following restrictions while the district is in this drought stage.

Activity	Restriction
Outside Watering	Lawns, trees, shrubs, or gardens permitted once every 5 to 7 days
Vehicle Washing	Commercial facilities only as needed
Outdoor Surface Washing	Buildings, driveways, streets, patios permitted only with hose shut-off nozzle
Dust Control	Permitted Only
Livestock Watering	Leak-proof troughs as much as practical
Water Storage	Maintaining more than 50,000 gallons of groundwater to surface impoundments is prohibited, except from wells permitted for non-domestic irrigation.
General	Continue voluntary reduction in various uses, check for and correct all plumbing leaks.

Conservation Goal: 20% reduction in groundwater use

KEY POINTS FOR PERMIT APPLICANTS

1. **All applications are still processed** during Drought Stage 2
2. **Special permit conditions** may be added based on current drought conditions
3. **Production limits** may be adjusted based on aquifer conditions
4. **Water conservation plans** are required as part of Operating Permit applications (Rule 3.4.A.5.d)
5. **Drought contingency plans** are required for export permits (Rule 3.6.D.8)

COMPLIANCE

The District relies primarily on **voluntary compliance**. Persons found in non-compliance will be contacted by District Staff. Repeated violations may result in additional enforcement actions under District Rule 9.

Civil penalties may reach up to **\$25,000 per day per violation** for serious or continuing violations.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Full Drought Management Rules:** Rule 7 of District Rules (available at District Office or website)
- **Permit Application Forms:** Available at District Office or online
- **Fee Schedule:** Available at District Office

This handout summarizes key Drought Stage 2 requirements. For complete rules and regulations, please refer to the official BPGCD Rules document or contact the District Office.

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