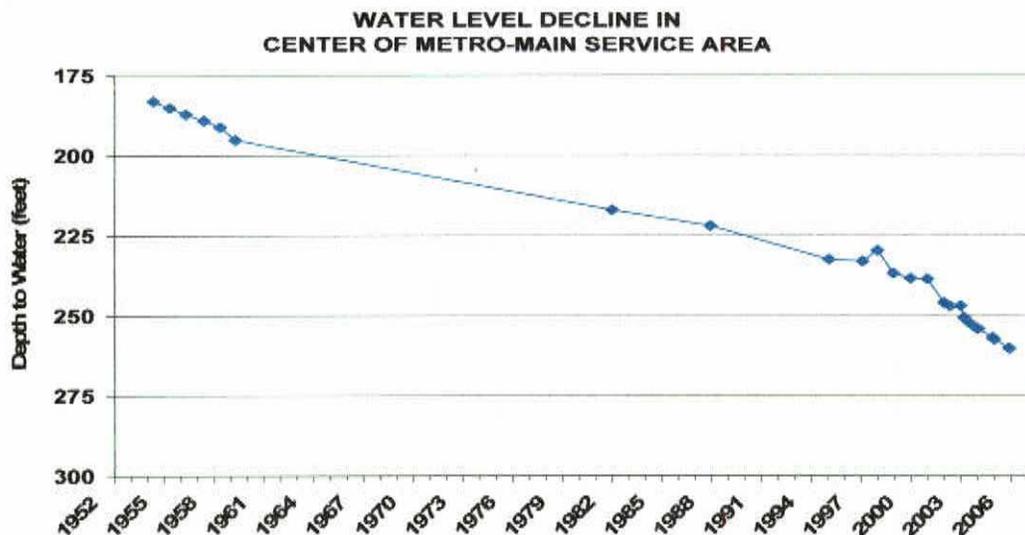


Metro Water District Drought Preparedness Plan

Arizona is in the midst of a prolonged drought that has various impacts on our environment. Specifically regarding water supplies in Southern Arizona, the drought does not immediately equate to water shortage. We are not running out of water. In fact, Metro Water District has a 100-year assured water supply designation from the State of Arizona. Additionally, Metro has been steadily working toward the use of renewable supplies rather than relying solely on our groundwater.

During the last ten years, Metro Water District has seen the decline in water levels at its wells intensified in large part to the drought. Rather than the historic average of one foot per year, wells have been declining on average almost three feet per year over the last ten years. Without natural recharge occurring due to lack of precipitation and overall water demand staying the same, the cumulative decline in well levels becomes more distinct.



The Arizona Department of Water Resources requires that all water providers are to have a Drought Response Plan by January 2007. While no water shortage exists, no one knows how long the current drought might last. Some climatologists are predicting that we are in a 20- to 30-year drought cycle; therefore, Metro Water feels it is important to have a Drought Response Plan in place that can respond to a reduction of our available water supply due to a drought.

Metro Water's Drought Response Plan includes measures initiated based on the severity of the drought response. Since the District is not a municipality with enforcement capabilities, it must rely on its customers to voluntarily comply with requests for water reduction. The District can also implement a drought surcharge to its rates, limit potable water for construction uses, and in the most severe drought response stage not approve water service agreements for new construction projects. The main focus of Metro Water's Drought Response Plan is to continue its overall objective of sound water management. A primary tool is the current cooperation with Oro Valley, Marana, and Flowing Wells Irrigation District to develop a Northwest Area Renewable Supply Treatment and Distribution System. By directly using Central Arizona Project water, our

groundwater well levels will be able to recover and then our wells can serve as a backup to the renewable supplies.

Metro Water's Drought Response Plan includes four stages in response to the impacts of a drought on our available water supply, which currently is primarily groundwater. The stage then determines which measures are initiated. The stages are determined on the simple combination of the amount of precipitation during the last twelve months and the annual decline of the overall groundwater levels.

Stage One (Alert) is initiated when the precipitation of the last 12 months is 70% to 90% of normal precipitation and the annual decline of the overall groundwater level is between 1.0 feet to 2.4 feet. In Stage One, Metro Water will increase customer awareness about the drought and water resources through education. Additionally, the District will work with Pima County to put in place ordinances that strengthen Southern Arizona's conservation ethic. Metro will work with its neighboring water providers to look at cooperative efforts that include providing emergency backup as well as joint conservation efforts. Most importantly, Metro Water will continue its overall water management efforts to use renewable water supplies. In effect, Metro Water has been doing all of Stage One measures the last few years.

Stage Two (Warning) is initiated when the precipitation of the last 12 months is 50% to 70% of normal precipitation combined with the decline of the overall groundwater level reaches 2.5 feet to 4.0 feet annually. In Stage Two, Metro Water requests customers to limit landscape irrigation to two days per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. as well as avoid other outdoor water uses; for example, hosing down walkways and washing vehicles without a bucket and hose with a positive cutoff nozzle. Hotels and restaurants will be asked to initiate industry green measures for conserving water, such as providing water only on request and washing sheets and towels only if requested. Under Stage Two, all of the measures of Stage One will also continue.

Stage Three (Emergency) is initiated when the precipitation of the last 12 months is 25% to 50% of normal and the annual decline of the overall groundwater level reaches 4.0 feet to 4.9 feet. In Stage Three, Metro Water will not permit the use of potable water for construction including dust control; reclaimed water will need to be used instead. Metro's Board will consider instituting a drought surcharge to Tier 4 of the rate structure. Additional voluntary water reduction measures will be requested from customers including the limiting of landscape irrigation to one day per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. In addition to avoiding outdoor water uses, customers will be asked not to empty or fill their pools. The other measures of Stage One and Stage Two will continue to be in place.

Stage Four (Crisis) is initiated when the precipitation of the last 12 months is less than 25% of normal and the annual decline of the overall groundwater level reaches 5.0 feet or more. Under Stage Four, Metro Water will not approve water service agreements. Metro's Board will consider instituting a drought surcharge to Tier 2 and Tier 3 of the rate structure in addition to the one for Tier 4. No potable water will be used for construction. Customers will be requested to limit landscape irrigation ONLY to trees and shrubs one day per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. and no irrigation of turf or ground covers. Other previous measures will continue to be in place.

**Metro Water District (Metro-Main)
Drought Preparedness Plan**

Drought Responses	Measures
<p>Stage 1 - Alert Precipitation Last 12 months 70% - 90% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 1.0' – 2.4' annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase Customers Awareness through Education ▪ Work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p>Stage 2 - Warning Precipitation Last 12 months 50% - 70% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 2.5' – 3.9' annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit Landscape Irrigation to 2 days per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - Hotels and Restaurants will be asked to conserve water. - Avoid other outdoor water uses including misters and car washes ▪ Continue to work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p>Stage 3 - Emergency Precipitation Last 12 months 25% - 50% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 4.0' – 4.9' annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Potable Water for Construction ▪ Institute Drought Surcharge to Tier 4 of the Rate Structure ▪ Request Additional Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit Landscape Irrigation to 1 day per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - Pools not be filled ▪ Continue to work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p>Stage 4 – Crisis Precipitation Last 12 months <25% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 5.0' and more annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Approval for Water Service Agreements ▪ Institute Drought Surcharge to Tier 2 and 3 of the Rate Structure in addition to Tier 4 ▪ No Potable Water for Construction ▪ Request Additional Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit Landscape Irrigation ONLY to trees and shrubs 1 day per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - No irrigation of turf or ground covers ▪ Continue to work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers

Metro Water District (Metro-Hub) Drought Preparedness Plan

Drought Responses	Measures
<p>Stage 1 - Alert Precipitation Last 12 months 70% - 90% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 1.0' – 2.4' five-year average decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase Customers Awareness through Education ▪ Work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p>Stage 2 - Warning Precipitation Last 12 months 50% - 70% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 2.5' – 3.9' five-year average decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit Landscape Irrigation to 2 days per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - Hotels and Restaurants will be asked to conserve water. - Avoid other outdoor water uses including misters and car washes ▪ Continue to work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p>Stage 3 – Emergency Precipitation Last 12 months 25% - 50% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 4.0' – 4.9' five-year average decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Potable Water for Construction ▪ Institute Drought Surcharge to Tier 4 of the Rate Structure ▪ Request Additional Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit Landscape Irrigation to 1 day per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - Pools not be filled ▪ Continue to work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p>Stage 4 – Crisis Precipitation Last 12 months <25% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 5.0' and more five-year average decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No Approval for Water Service Agreements ▪ Institute Drought Surcharge to Tier 2 and 3 of the Rate Structure in addition to Tier 4 ▪ No Potable Water for Construction ▪ Request Additional Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit Landscape Irrigation ONLY to trees and shrubs 1 day per week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. - No irrigation of turf or ground covers ▪ Continue to work with County to put Ordinances in place ▪ Continue Overall Water Management Efforts to Use Renewable Water Supplies ▪ Work with Neighboring Water Providers

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Metro Water News

August 2006

A bi-monthly publication containing articles about your water service provider and water issues that may affect you.

CUSTOMERS RESPOND TO DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Metro Water appreciates your response to our Drought Preparedness Plan. Residents were asked to reduce their outdoor watering to no more than twice a week since Metro Water is in Stage Two of our Drought Plan. We want to thank everyone who is complying.

The Drought Preparedness Plan was approved by Metro Water's Board of Directors in response to the ongoing drought. During the last ten years, Metro has seen a significant annual decline in water levels at its wells. Rather than the historic average of one foot per year, wells have declined on average almost three feet per year.

While we have received welcomed monsoon rain, it has not changed the status of the drought. Metro Water is asking customers to continue to water only once or twice a week between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Even though we are not running out of water, Metro Water still needs to be prepared for any reduction to our water supply that the drought may cause.

The Drought Plan has four stages that include different measures based on the severity of the drought. The four stages respond to the impacts of the drought on Metro's available water supply. Based on the lack of precipitation in combination with water level decline in District wells, we continue to be in Stage Two of the Drought Plan.

Metro Water will keep customers informed as to the drought and the respective stage of the Drought Plan that we are in currently. Please continue to use water wisely for the future of our families and community. *end*

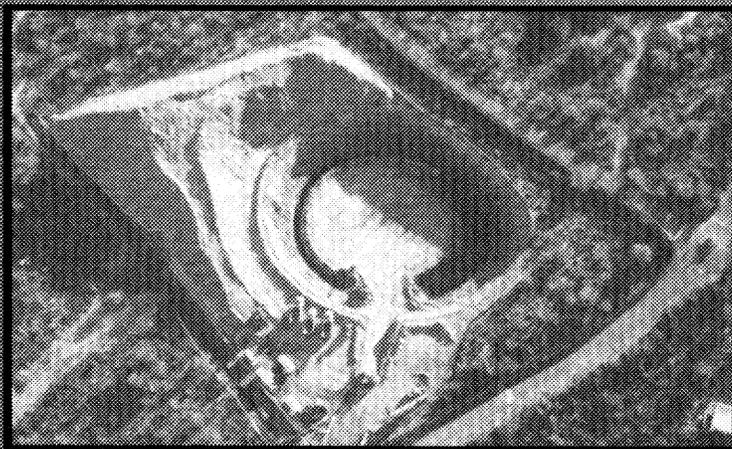


Upcoming Meetings of the Board of Directors

Sept 11, 2006
Oct 11, 2006
Nov 13, 2006

CURRENT DROUGHT RESPONSE

Stage 1 – Alert
Stage 2 – WARNING
Stage 3 – Emergency
Stage 4 – Crisis



Construction of the Northeast Reservoir, located at the northeast corner of Mudgee Road and F Avenue, is continuing with the mass excavation for the five million gallon underground reservoir. The mass excavation is expected to be complete by July 21, 2006 and construction of the reservoir floor will commence.

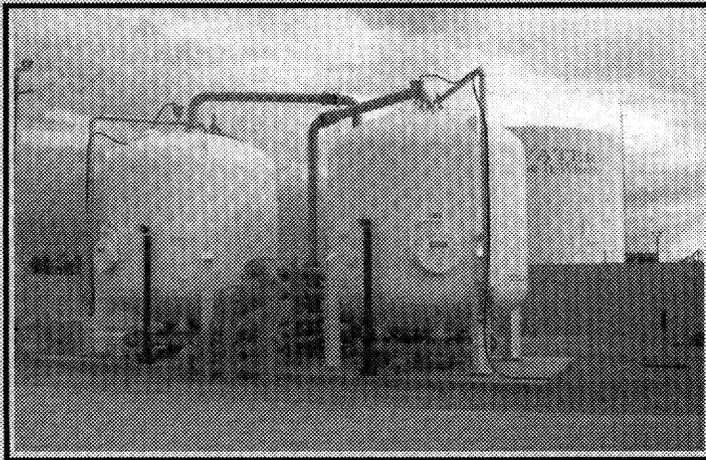
The large temporary stockpile of excavated material can now be seen from the lower elevations of the Metro Water District's main service areas. Excess excavated material is currently being removed from the site while a portion of the excess excavated material will be utilized by the Immaculate Heart School for future site improvements. A significant portion of the stockpile will remain until the underground reservoir construction is complete and backfill of the site occurs in February 2007. Final completion of the project is anticipated in May 2007.

TOILET REBATE PROGRAM RE-DEFINED

Beginning October 1, 2006 Metro's Toilet Rebate Program will change to apply only to the purchase and installation of the new High Efficiency Toilets (HET). Metro wants to encourage increased conservation in our service areas by creating an incentive for the HET. The HET incorporates newer technology by using a 1 or 1.1 gallon flush, thus saving even more water than the now standard 1.6 ultra-low-flush toilet.

A \$50 rebate will be given for customers who replace any toilet (1.6, 3, 5, or 7 gallon toilets) with an HET. For each additional toilet replaced with a HET at the residence, \$40 will be given per toilet.

Metro has had a Toilet Rebate Program since 1995. In the last eleven years, 1,900 toilets have been replaced, which means an estimated 1.13 million gallons of water was saved annually. The Toilet Rebate Program targeted homes that were built prior to 1991, when the plumbing code began to require 1.6 gallon ultra-low-flush toilets. *(continued next column)*



The newly installed addition at the South Shannon system to treat ground water is now operational. Overall, capacity of the system will allow for 1 million gallons of water to be treated daily. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality worked closely with the District to assist in funding the treatment system which will remove volatile organic compounds. This treatment system will allow the District to provide drinking water from the South Shannon well once again, and in turn increase the District's highly valued water capacity for the area.

Drought Response

STAGE 2 - WARNING

- Requesting Voluntary Water Reduction Measures
- Limit Landscape Irrigation to 2 Days Per Week, Between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- Hotels and Restaurants Asked to Conserve Water
- Avoid Other Outdoor Water Uses Including Hosing Down Walkways, and Frequent Car Washing
- Continue to Work with Pima County to Enact Ordinances
- Continue Water Management Efforts to use Renewable Water Supplies
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Whether or not there's a rebate incentive, if a toilet is replaced it must be at least a 1.6 gallon toilet. Therefore, Metro decided to create an incentive to promote the installation of High Efficiency Toilets to increase the conservation potential in the bathroom. Metro recognizes that HETs are new to the market, making them more of a challenge to purchase. However, it is anticipated that as the demand increases and more people ask for HETs, more retailers will stock them.

Metro remembers the complaints about certain early models of the 1.6 gallon ultra-low-flush toilets in that they did not always flush well. This is why Metro Water will only approve those HETs that have been tested and meet the highest performance standards. While the cost of these toilets will be higher, the quality will be ensured. A list of the new HET models can be found on Metro's website at www.metrowater.com. *end*

SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION

Metro Water staff would like to provide you with information regarding our water system, water quality and testing, workings of a well, new Capital Improvement Projects, water conservation, graywater/water harvesting, and many more topics.

District staff are available to come to your school, homeowner's association meeting, or other organizational meetings to provide you with a variety of information on topics of your choice. We have many brochures and teaching tools available such as an Aquifer Model that is used to simulate the action of well use and impacts to aquifers. To schedule a presentation, please contact Metro Water at 575-8100. *end*

The University of Arizona's SAHRA Water Center and its Cooperative Extension office are recruiting citizen volunteers to share rainfall readings from their rain gauges. They have created a web site, www.rainlog.org, where this information can be uploaded to create maps that show rainfall amounts across the region. Participating in Rainlog.org is easy and anyone with a backyard rain gauge can join. Web site registration includes a Google map utility to pinpoint the latitude and longitude of gauge locations, plus guidance on selecting and installing rain gauges and information on how to collect high quality observations.

Uploading data after rain events is a simple, straightforward process using web forms. Entering rainfall data in RainLog.org not only will help you and your neighbors irrigate more efficiently, the data will be used by water managers, drought monitors, and scientists. So if you have a backyard rain gauge, consider becoming a registered rainlog.org member. If you want a high-quality rain gauge, you can order one from the rainlog.org web site, or if you just want a better idea of how much rain fell at your house yesterday, log on to rainlog.org and check out the map.

100 YEARS OF WATER CONFIRMED

Metro Water recently received a modification to its Assured Water Supply (AWS) designation from the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). This means the State confirms that Metro Water's main service area has direct and continuous access to groundwater beneath its service area for a 100-year water supply of sufficient quantity and quality to meet its current and future customer demands. It also means that the District is required to replenish or augment its groundwater with a renewable supply.

Metro Water obtained its initial AWS designation in 1996, and filed for modification to its AWS designation because in 1997 Metro had legally obtained from the City of Tucson its allocation for 8,858 acre feet of Central Arizona Project water. Additionally, Metro Water no longer provided water to a portion of Oro Valley, which has been serviced by Oro Valley Water since 1999. Also, the modification was done because ADWR rules give an exemption for when a water provider cleans up groundwater. ADWR determined that 1,000 acre feet a year of Metro's treated groundwater in the Shannon/Rillito Creek area is exempt from the annual customer water demand calculation.

Overall, the new AWS designation re-confirms that Metro Water has a 100-year assured water supply. Unless another modification is requested by Metro, the State is required to revisit Metro's AWS designation every 10 years. *end*

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Account Names: Please take a moment to review the name(s) on your billing statement. Only those persons listed on the billing statement have the authority to make changes regarding address, adding or deleting names, opening or closing the account, obtaining account information, or requesting service orders. To make any changes, please contact Customer Service at 575-8100.

Telephone Numbers: If you have recently changed your telephone number, please notify our Customer Service Department at 575-8100. This will assist us in contacting you in the event of an emergency.

After Hours Payments: Metro Water District has a 24-hour payment drop box for your convenience. It is located to the right of the drive-thru window. Also, the drive-thru window is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Requesting Information: Remember, if you need information regarding bill payment options, water rates, water conservation, current job opportunities, meeting minutes, etc., you can access our website at www.metrowater.com. You may also send us an email to metroinfo@metrowater.com. For billing questions send an email to billing@metrowater.com.

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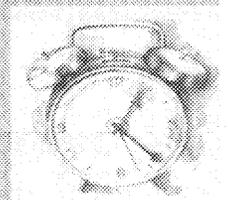
Metro Water District is saying good-bye in September 2006, to one of its valuable employees. Jackie Zender has decided to take some well-deserved time and finish many projects that have been on her to-do list at home. Jackie has always been in the workforce, and has never experienced the relaxation and enjoyment of staying at home. She joins her husband, Chuck, who has been semi-retired for a number of years.

Jackie moved to Tucson, Arizona in January 1993 from Littleton, Colorado. She joined Metro Water in April 1993 as Account Clerk. Prior to that, she worked in Colorado as Bookkeeper and Assistant to Controller.

As Account Clerk for the District, Jackie has assisted many of the employees, making sure they receive their paychecks in a timely manner and administering their health and other benefit packages, and ensuring District bills were paid on time. She keeps a meticulous work area, and is always well organized. One thing that employees will miss is Jackie's famous flan and her Texas potatoes that she makes for our Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons.

Jackie is well liked and respected, and can make employees laugh with her quick sense of humor. One employee said, "Jackie is one of a kind, always helpful and cheerful, no one will compare to Jackie." In 1998, Jackie was proudly named Metro Water's 'Employee of the Year' by her peers.

Metro Water appreciates and thanks Jackie for many wonderful years and wishes her the best of luck on her new journey. *end*



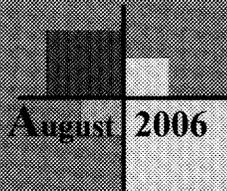


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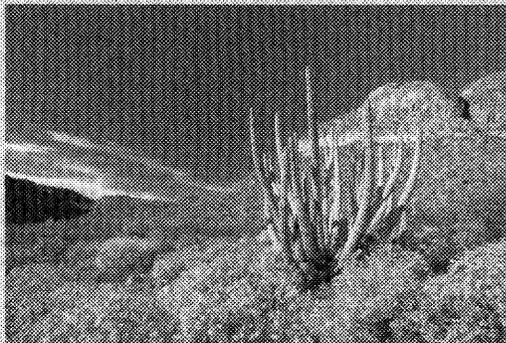
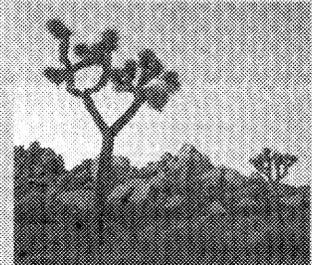


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Did You Know.....

- If every household in America had a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.
- About 2/3 of the human body is water. Some parts of the body contain more water than others. For example, 70% of your skin is water.
- It takes about 1 gallon of water to process a quarter pound of hamburger.
- It takes about 2,072 gallons of water to make four new tires.
- One cubic foot of water is equal to 7.48 gallons of water.



Use Water Wisely

- Plant only low water using plants.
- Irrigate just to establish plants.
- Use supplemental hand watering during times of drought.
- Water slow and deep, and only when plants need water.
- Plant grass for functional, physical use only such as in play areas, parks, ball fields, etc.
- Plant low water use types of turf.
- Sweep rather than hose down walkways or driveways.
- Wash your car less frequently. Use a bucket and sponge to wash your car and turn off the hose when not rinsing off your vehicle.

What does the drought plan mean for me?

Metro Water is in Stage Two of its Drought Plan. We are asking customers to take simple steps and reduce outdoor watering to no more than twice a week.

We are also asking residents to consider additional ways to decrease outdoor water usage. This can include sweeping, rather than using water, to clean the walkway or driveway. Or using a bucket and sponge to wash the car, and turn off the water when not rinsing off the vehicle.

I'm worried about my plants not having enough water.

Twice a week should be sufficient for most plants, especially if they are established and mature. Generally, most people water more than what the plant really needs.

We don't want you to lose any plants or trees. If a tree or plant begins to look stressed, by all means, do give it extra water until it responds.

By watering at night or early morning, you make the most use of water and avoid evaporation.

What else can I do to respond to the drought?

One of the best things you can do is make sure you have drought tolerant plants. By using native and desert friendly plants, you ensure that you will have plants throughout any dry season.

Low water using plants can be low maintenance and provide year round color, in addition to using little water. You might be surprised by the variety of beautiful, colorful desert plants that are available at local nurseries.

Where can I get more information?

For conservation ideas, inside and outside your home, please visit Metro's website at www.metrowater.com. We also have free landscape and gardening brochures at our office at 6265 N La Canada.

Outdoor Water Use IDEALS

- Use Mother Nature as the Primary Irrigator. We are the Supplementors.
- Irrigate only to establish plants: no longer than 3 years.
- Use supplemental hand watering during times of prolonged drought.
- Set irrigation system clocks to manual to ensure plants are watered only when needed.
- Plant only low water use plants - Go Wild! Go Native!
- Plant grass only for functional, physical use: children's play areas, parks, ball fields.
- Plant only low water use types of turf.

Principles for Lawn Watering

- The best water principle for turf is to remove it. Consider the time, money, and water that could be saved if you no longer had to maintain a lawn.
- If you must have a lawn, plant only low water using types of turf, such as Bermuda, Buffalo grass and Paspalum.
- Don't overseed.
- Water only when needed, most lawns can get by with less water.
- During the summer, water at night or early morning when there is generally less wind, less evaporation, and better soaking down to roots.
- Daily watering, especially during the heat of the day, can damage grass.
- If water runs off the grass area, split the watering time. Apply one-half the normal amount of water, wait an hour, and then apply the other half.
- Avoid cutting more than 1/3 of the grass height at one time to avoid stressing the grass and turning it yellow.

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METRO ADOPTS DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Metro Water's Board of Directors adopted a Drought Preparedness Plan at its June 2006 meeting.

"We are in a drought that could last another decade or two," said Mark Stratton, Metro's General Manager. *"While we are not running out of water, we must still be prepared for any reduction to our water supply that the drought may cause."*

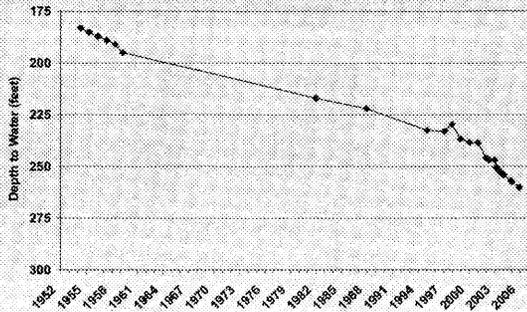
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"Our plan relies on our customers being willing to use water a little wiser. Metro Water is not a municipality so we are limited as to the measures we can enact," said Stratton. *"However, we are willing to consider more aggressive measures if our average water decline increases significantly."*

"Metro Water is in a good position to deal with the drought," added Stratton. *"We have a solid Drought Plan but more importantly we have a solid, long-term plan to manage our water. Our efforts to fully utilize our renewable supplies, once realized, are what will strengthen us the most against droughts."*

WATER LEVEL DECLINE IN
CENTER OF METRO-MAIN SERVICE AREA



In the last 10 years, groundwater levels at our wells have declined on average 3 feet annually. The water level at one District well dropped by 13 feet during 2005. Prior to the start of the drought, water levels dropped on average 1 foot annually.

What do I do if I see water being wasted?

It is always best to first be certain that you personally are using water wisely.

If you see a neighbor or business with poor water habits, kindly give them a suggestion or two on how they could use water more wisely. For businesses, it is important for them to hear that their customers have concerns about how they are using water.

If a little diplomacy does not seem to work, please contact Metro Water and we will be happy to provide them with water saving tips and ideas.

Can Metro penalize anyone?

Metro Water is not a municipality, so we do not have the authority to enact or enforce regulations or laws. Therefore, we have to implement policies within our statutory authority, as well as ask for cooperation from our community.

Pima County also recently adopted a drought plan and has begun working on how it will be enforced. Currently, Metro Water is working with Pima County on conservation ordinances that will affect new development within our neighborhoods.

Drought Responses	Measures
<p><i>Stage 1 - Alert</i> Precipitation Last 12 months 70% - 90% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 1.0' - 2.4' annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Customers Awareness through Education • Work with Pima County to put Ordinances in Place • Continue Water Management Efforts to use Renewable Water Supplies (RWS) • Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p><i>Stage 2 - Warning</i> Precipitation Last 12 months 50% - 70% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 2.5' - 3.9' annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Limit Landscape Irrigation to 2 Days Per Week, Between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. * Hotels and Restaurants will be Asked to Conserve Water * Avoid Other Outdoor Water Uses Including Hosing Down Walkways, and Frequent Car Washing • Continue to Work with County to Enact Ordinances • Continue Water Management Efforts to use RWS • Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p><i>Stage 3 - Emergency</i> Precipitation Last 12 months 25% - 50% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 4.0' - 4.9' annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Potable Water for Construction • Institute Drought Surcharge to Tier 4 of the Rate Structure • Request Additional Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Limit Landscape Irrigation to 1 Day Per Week Between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. * Pools Will Not be Filled • Continue to Work with County to Enact Ordinances • Continue Water Management Efforts to use RWS • Work with Neighboring Water Providers
<p><i>Stage 4 - Crisis</i> Precipitation Last 12 months Less than 25% AND Overall Groundwater Levels 5.0' or more annual decline</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Approval for Water Service Agreements • Institute Drought Surcharge to Tier 2 and 3 of the Rate Structure in Addition to Tier 4 • No Potable Water for Construction • Request Additional Voluntary Water Reduction Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Limit Landscape Irrigation ONLY to Trees and Shrubs 1 Day Per Week Between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. * No Irrigation of Turf or Ground Covers • Continue to Work with County to enact Ordinances • Continue Water Management Efforts to use RWS • Work with Neighboring Water Providers