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**In Spite of Recent Rain, City of Farmington Continues in Drought Stage 2**

*Farmington, NM:* After evaluation of the current drought conditions, the City of Farmington will **continue to delay drought stage 3, but will leave the current drought stage 2 in effect.**

Over the past weeks, the City has continued to monitor drought conditions, precipitation, river flows, reservoir levels, water consumption, and weather forecasts on a daily basis. And while Farmington has received some afternoon and evening rain showers that have alleviated some of the dryness, since imposing Stage 2 Drought restrictions (mandatory 3-day water schedules) with a 15% water consumption reduction goal, the **actual** 10 day rolling conservation has ranged from an 8% reduction to a 20% reduction. In fact, the latest 30 day rolling consumption is only 8% below 1 year ago. "While the community has made a good faith effort to reduce their water consumption, it is clear we must remain diligent in our attitude of conservation and continue to be prudent with our water," said City Manager Mayes.

In spite of recent rain and repealing a total ban on burning, **the City of Farmington, all of San Juan County, and much of the Four Corners Region remain in "Extreme Drought Conditions."** This is the **most severe drought classification** achievable by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) standards. As a result, **Stage 2 Drought restrictions** will continue to be enforced, and the City will call upon the citizens to continue to responsibly conserve water where possible, and to continue to comply with the 3 day mandatory watering schedule currently in place.

"While recent precipitation and optimistic forecasts for this fall and winter give us reasonable optimism that escalating to Drought Stage 3 (water surcharges added), will most likely **not be necessary**, the delicate balance of maintaining water consumption reductions with the uncertainty as to what unknown future conditions will exist for opportunities to replenish water in our reservoir remains the determining factor," Mayes reiterated. Drought status will continued to be monitored daily and stages will be implemented or lifted based on actual conditions as they develop.

The City of **FARMINGTON** is under a **STAGE 2 DROUGHT: Mandatory Watering Schedule**

**Landscape or lawn watering shall be RESTRICTED to:**

<b>EVEN HOUSE NUMBERS</b>	<b>ODD HOUSE NUMBERS</b>
Locations with even numbered addresses will be permitted to water:	Locations with odd numbered addresses will be permitted to water:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday</li> <li>• Thursday</li> <li>• Saturday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday</li> <li>• Friday</li> <li>• Sunday</li> </ul>
Example: 4202 E. Any Street	Example: 4203 E. Any Street

**FEEs for violations of water use restrictions are imposed in this stage.**

Drought stages may change at any time!  
Stay up-to-date at [fmtn.org/drought](http://fmtn.org/drought).

The City of Farmington will continue to release updated information regarding the drought conditions. Community members are urged to access the following media channels:

- [City of Farmington website](http://City of Farmington website)
- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cityoffarmington)
- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/cityoffarmington)
- [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/cityoffarmington)
- [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/cityoffarmington)