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City of Rocky Ford – Stage 2 Water Restrictions

Effective July 27, 2026

Due to record-low snowpack and the absence of Fryingpan-Arkansas Project water allocations, the City of Rocky Ford is implementing **Stage 2 Water Restrictions** beginning **July 27, 2026**. These measures are necessary to protect our limited water supply throughout the irrigation season.

🚿 Outdoor Watering Schedule (Even/Odd Addresses)

To simplify compliance, **all properties residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial must follow the odd/even watering schedule:**

- **Even-numbered addresses:** Wednesdays & Sundays
- **Odd-numbered addresses:** Tuesdays & Saturdays

⏰ Allowed Watering Hours and Limits

- Watering is permitted **either between 12 am – 9 am OR 6 pm – Midnight not to exceed 3 hours on the allowed days.** This reduces evaporation and improves water efficiency.
- Property Limit: Maximum of 3 hours per property, per allowed day.
- Area Limit: Maximum of 15 minutes per specific area/zone using a sprinkler system.

💧 Additional Conservation Requirements

- Preventing irrigation water from running into streets, sidewalks, or gutters
- Repairing irrigation leaks within **2 days**
- Repairing indoor plumbing leaks **immediately**

🌱 Exemptions

- **Hand watering** of flower pots, gardens, trees, and shrubs is allowed **anytime**, but only with a hose equipped with a **shut-off nozzle**
- **Drip irrigation systems** may operate only during permitted watering hours
- **If you have a well,** post a sign in a window facing the street

🏞️ Municipal Water Use

The City has reduced irrigation in lower-priority landscaped areas. Critical public-use facilities: parks, cemetery grounds, and athletic fields will continue receiving limited irrigation to maintain safe, usable community spaces and protect long-term public investments.

⚠️ Compliance & Enforcement

All water users must comply with Stage 2 restrictions. Under **Municipal Code Section 13-2-130 – Water Scarcity**, violations may result in enforcement action, including **temporary discontinuation of water service** until corrections and reconnection fees are satisfied.

Your cooperation helps protect Rocky Ford's water supply and reduces the likelihood of more restrictive measures. Thank you for doing your part during this period of water scarcity.

For questions, contact **City Hall at 719-254-7414**.