

# Garden? Yes!

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Here's what you CAN do in the landscape!

## Drought Level 4 counties\*

Property owners and managers in Drought Level 4 counties may use limited water on established and new installations by following these guidelines:

### Odd/even watering schedule

- Odd-numbered addresses may water on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.
- Even-numbered addresses may water Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

### Existing landscapes

- **Hand watering:** 25 minutes per day on an odd/even watering schedule between midnight and 10 a.m. Hand watering is defined as one person with one garden hose.
- **Drip irrigation and soaker hoses:** Shrubs, trees and flower beds may be watered up to three days/week for one hour between midnight and 10 a.m..

### Newly installed landscapes

- New landscapes installed by homeowner/property manager OR professional landscape contractor can be watered up to three days/week from midnight to 10 a.m. for a period of 10 weeks based on the odd/even watering schedule with successful completion of the **Outdoor Water Use Registration Program**.
- Homeowners/property managers and professional landscape contractor must each register and successfully complete the **Outdoor Water Use Registration Program**:
  - Online at [www.urbanagcouncil.com](http://www.urbanagcouncil.com) (\$4.95 convenience fee)
  - Or contact your county extension agent (1-800-ASK-UGA1). There is no fee for the program if taken at a county extension office, but **please call ahead for an appointment**.
- Post Outdoor Water Use Registration Program certificate of completion at property location.
- A new registration/completion of program is required for each new 10-week installation period.
- Aeration/seeding/overseeding are considered new installations.
- All types of irrigation may be used (installed irrigation systems, drip irrigation, soaker hoses).

### Chemical applications (fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide) applied by a professional

can be watered in upon treatment - make sure sign is posted on property with date/time of chemical application.

### Food gardens can be watered at any time.

\*Drought Level 4 Counties (3/3/09): Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, Dekalb, Douglas, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Walker, Walton, White, Whitfield, and Wilkes.

*Watering restrictions are determined by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Local governments and water utilities that do not depend on Lake Lanier for water supply can petition EPD for more lenient outdoor water use schedules. Check with your local water provider to confirm restrictions in your area.*



Information provided by the Georgia Urban Ag Council  
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## Variances to Level 4 Drought Restrictions - June 4, 2009

All counties/cities who rely on Lake Lanier for water supply continue to be under Level 4 outdoor water restrictions.

If not dependent on Lake Lanier, utilities under Level 4 can apply for variance to Level 4 rules. See below for rules and schedules that pertain to the variances below.

The following water utilities have received variances - please check with your specific water provider to determine if other outdoor water use has been approved.

Name of Municipality	Level	Approval Date	Other information -(if no information supplied, it was not available from utility website)
<b>Level IV a - 1 day per week (details below)</b>			
Bartow County	IV a	7/23/2008	Odd-Sun, Even -Sat
Cartersville - City of	IV a	6/26/2008	Odd-Sun, Even-Sat
Hart County Water and Sewer Authority	IV a	8/12/2008	
Jackson County Water and Sewerage Authority	IV a	6/20/2008	Odd-Sun, Even-Sat
Lavonia - City of	IV a	6/12/2008	
Oconee County Board of Commissioners	IV a	6/20/2008	By second-to-last digit of address: 0/1-Mon; 2/3-Tues; 4/5-Wed; 6/7-Thur; 8/9-Fri
Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority	IV a	6/20/2008	Odd-Sun, Even-Sat
<b>Level IV b - 2 days per week (details below)</b>			
Adairsville - City of	IV b	8/14/2008	
Ball Ground - City of	IV b	6/3/2008	Odd-Tu/Th; Even M/W
Barrow County	IV b	4/29/2009	Odd-Th/Sun, Even-W/Sat
Calhoun - City of	IV b	7/2/2008	Odd-Th/Sun, Even -W/Sat
Canton - City of	IV b	6/20/2008	
Catoosa Utility District Authority	IV b	6/4/2008	
Cave Springs - City of	IV b	8/24/2008	
Chatsworth - City of	IV b	8/12/2008	
Chickamauga - City of	IV b	6/3/2008	Odd-Th/Sun, Even-W/Sat
Dawsonville - City of	IV b	6/19/2008	Odd-Th/Sun, Even-W/Sat
Floyd County	IV b	6/24/2008	Odd-Th/Sun, Even-W/Sat
Hartwell - City of	IV b	6/26/2008	
LaFayette - City of	IV b	6/20/2008	
Locust Grove - City of	IV b	6/20/2008	
Madison - City of	IV b	6/11/2008	
Madison County ID and BA Water Department	IV b	6/10/2008	
Monticello - City of	IV b	8/5/2008	
Mount Vernon Mills, Inc.	IV b	6/25/2008	
North Georgia Water Systems, Inc.***	IV b	8/24/2008	
Polk County Water, Sewage and Solid Waste Authority	IV b	6/11/2008	
Rockmart - City of	IV b	7/11/2008	
Sky Valley - City of	IV b	10/29/2008	
Trion -Town of	IV b	6/25/2008	
Turin - Town of	IV b	7/21/2008	
Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority	IV b	6/10/2008	

Level IV c - 3 days per week (details below)			All Level IV c allow T/Th/Sun odd; M/W/Sat even use
Bent Tree Community	IV c	6/4/2008	
Carroll County	IV c	6/9/2008	
Carrollton - City of	IV c	6/6/2008	
Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority	IV c	6/3/2008	
Clayton County Water Authority	IV c	6/4/2008	
Commerce - City of	IV c	6/10/2008	
Coweta County Water and Sewerage Authority	IV c	5/27/2008	
Dalton Utilities	IV c	7/24/2008	
Elberton - City of	IV c	6/15/2008	
Fayette County	IV c	6/10/2008	
Fort Oglethorpe - City of	IV c	6/25/2008	
Henry County	IV c	6/12/2008	
LaGrange - City of	IV c	6/2/2008	
McDonough - City of	IV c	7/8/2008	
Monroe - City of	IV c	6/24/2008	
Newnan Utilities	IV c	6/2/2008	
Rockdale County Board of Commissioners	IV c	7/11/2008	
Rome - City of	IV c	6/5/2008	
Stockbridge - City of	IV c	6/18/2008	
Toccoa - City of	IV c	6/13/2008	
Waleska - City of	IV c	7/9/2008	
Woodbury - City of	IV c	7/11/2008	
Dahlonega - City of *	FULL BAN	9/5/2008	
Macon Water Authority	II qualified	7/21/2008	

At all variance levels, sprinkler systems and all other types of irrigation may be used at allowed days and times.

Level IVa - Odd/even watering 1 day per week between midnight and 10:00 am. At the discretion of the permittee, odd addresses water on Sundays or Thursdays, even addresses water on Mondays or Saturdays

Level IVb - Odd/even watering 2 days per week between midnight and 10:00 am: Odd on Tuesdays and Thursdays, even on Mondays and Wednesdays. At the discretion of the permittee odd addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays, even addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays -

- Please check with water provider to determine which days are allowed.
- For levels IV a and IV b, in order to water new landscape installation for 3 days per weeks/10 weeks, you must complete the "Outdoor Water Use Registration Program" online at [www.outdoorwateruse.com](http://www.outdoorwateruse.com) or at county extension service office.

Level IVc - Odd/even watering 3 days per week between midnight and 10:00 am: Odd on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, even on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays -

Level II (qualified) - Odd/even watering 3 days per week between midnight and 10:00 am and 4:00 pm to midnight; Odd on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, even on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays