

## **Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Alvarado, Texas**

The purpose of the Drought Contingency Plan is to encourage customer conservation in order to maintain water supply, storage, or pressure or to comply with the requirements of a court, government agency or other authority.

The City of Alvarado requests that all water customers voluntarily limit the use of water for nonessential purposes (listed below) and to practice water conservation.

Non-essential water use (water uses that are neither essential nor required for the protection of public, health, safety, and welfare) includes:

- (a) Irrigation of landscape areas, including parks, athletic fields, and golf courses;
- (b) Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle;
- (c) Use of water to wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- (d) Use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- (e) Flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- (f) Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or Jacuzzi-type pools;
- (g) Use of water in a fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes except where necessary to support aquatic life;
- (h) Failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
- (i) Use of water from hydrants for construction purposes or any other purposes other than firefighting.

For a complete copy of the updated Drought Contingency Plan effective 04/01/26, please visit [www.cityofalvarado.org](http://www.cityofalvarado.org) or pick up a copy at City Hall between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday-Friday.