

On March 17, 2021, Gov. Spencer J. Cox issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to drought conditions. As you are aware, 100% of Utah is in drought. 2020 was one of the hottest and driest summers on record, our snowpack was well below average this year, and soil moisture is at an all-time low. We believe taking action now is critical—especially because we don't know how long these drought conditions will continue.

BRWCD is committed to doing our part in helping our customers conserve water. We are currently in the process of updating our Water Conservation Plan, as required by the State. You can also find a link to Slow the Flow the home page of our website [brwcd.com](http://brwcd.com).

We are asking our customers to do their part by following the guidelines below. Now is an excellent time to review and update your watering habits and schedules.

### Please consider the following:

- ⇒ Monitor the weekly watering guide at [conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/](http://conservewater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/)
- ⇒ Delay starting outdoor watering until after five days of 70 degrees or warmer weather—Mid May
- ⇒ Limit outdoor watering to 2 days per week, 1 day per week if drought conditions continue
- ⇒ Water only before 10:00 AM and after 8:00 PM
- ⇒ Postpone new landscape projects until a wetter year
- ⇒ Do not use water to wash driveways and sidewalks
- ⇒ Conserve water on indoor use:
  - ◇ Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This ends the wasteful practice of running tap water to cool it off for drinking
  - ◇ By turning off the water while we brush our teeth or shave, we can save up to 10 gallons of water per day
  - ◇ Shorting your shower by just 1 minute can save up to 60 gallons or more of water per week
  - ◇ Don't use the toilet as a waste basket. Every time you flush a spider, facial tissue or some other small bit of trash you wastes 3-7 gallons of water
  - ◇ Wash only full loads of laundry. Most washers use between 30 and 45 gallons per load.
  - ◇ Wait to wash dishes until you have a full load.

### Other Resources

- Utah Water Savers ([utahwatersavers.com](http://utahwatersavers.com))
- LocalScapes ([localscapes.com](http://localscapes.com))
- Water Checks ([cwel.usu.edu/watercheck](http://cwel.usu.edu/watercheck))
- Slow the Flow ([slowtheflow.org](http://slowtheflow.org))

