



PO Box 1111 Statesville, NC 28687

Public Notice

Enforcement of Water Restrictions Begins May 4

The City of Statesville is currently under Stage 3 (Extreme Drought) conditions. Beginning at 8 a.m. on May 4, 2026, the City will enforce water use restrictions with fines.

This enforcement action is authorized under 15A NCAC 02E .0607, the City of Statesville Code of Ordinances, Section 23, Division 2 (Water Shortage Response Procedures), and the City of Statesville Water Shortage Response Plan (adopted June 5, 2023), following a drought advisory issued by the North Carolina Drought Management Advisory Council and the establishment of the City's Water Shortage Leadership Team on April 22, 2026.

All residents and businesses are required to comply with current drought restrictions.

Violations will result in the following fines:

Current: Stage 3 (Extreme Drought)

- First violation: \$200
- Second violation: \$400
- Third and subsequent violations: \$600

Stage 2 (Moderate Drought) – if conditions improve

- First violation: \$100
- Second violation: \$200
- Third and subsequent violations: \$300

Failure to comply will result in enforcement action and applicable penalties.

For more information on current restrictions, visit www.statesvillenc.net.



Drought Restrictions – Frequently Asked Questions

What drought stage are we in?

The City of Statesville is currently in Stage D3 – Extreme Drought, which includes mandatory water use restrictions.

Why are restrictions in place?

To protect the City’s water supply and ensure enough water is available for essential needs such as drinking water, fire protection, and medical services.

(The City of Statesville Water Shortage Response Plan is available on the city website: www.statesvillenc.net)

What restrictions are in place?

Outdoor water use is highly restricted:

- Irrigation is prohibited, except:
 - Tree and bed irrigation (drip, bubble, or hand watering only):
 - Odd-numbered addresses: Saturday 8 PM – Sunday 8 AM
 - Even/unnumbered addresses: Sunday 8 PM – Monday 8 AM
 - Athletic fields and golf courses only with an approved plan
- Residential vehicle washing is prohibited
- Filling or refilling pools is prohibited (top-offs allowed)
- Outdoor fountains/ornamental water use is prohibited (unless supporting fish)
- Washing buildings, sidewalks, and streets is prohibited, unless required for safety or health regulations
- Dust suppression, street washing, and hydrant flushing are limited to essential purposes only

All customers, including businesses, must follow these restrictions.

Voluntary conservation is strongly encouraged for all water use.

Exceptions & Variances

- **Private wells:**
Customers using a private well (not connected to the City water system) are not subject to these restrictions.
- **Alternative watering plans:**
Athletic fields and golf courses may operate under an approved plan.
- **Case-by-case variances:**
Requests for exceptions may be submitted and reviewed by the Water Resources Department.

Enforcement & Fines

These restrictions are mandatory. Violations may result in citations and civil penalties.

- **First violation:** \$200
- **Second violation:** \$400
- **Third+ violations:** \$600

Each day a violation continues is considered a separate violation.

- Fines may be paid at the Customer Service Office (301 S. Center Street).
- If not paid within 10 days, the fine will be added to the customer’s water bill.
- Appeals must be made through the Water Resources Department.

(Per City of Statesville Code §23-76, Water Shortage Response Procedures)

Need Help or Have Questions?

To request a variance or for more information, contact the Water Resources Department:

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