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MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT
Lancaster County Water & Sewer District
Stage 2 Drought • Effective May 15, 2026

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OUR GOAL

Reduce community-wide water use by 5–10%. If we don't hit that, stricter rules may follow.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- 1) LAWN & GARDEN WATERING — by address number, 2 AM to 10 AM only
- Even addresses: Tuesday & Saturday
 - Odd / no number: Wednesday & Sunday
- (Avoid watering at all if you can.)**

- 2) STOP THESE ACTIVITIES
- Washing personal vehicles
 - Power washing (homeowners)
 - Filling swimming pools (topping off is allowed)
 - Running decorative fountains that don't support aquatic life

- 3) EXCEPTIONS
- Licensed businesses and community-serving functions (e.g., commercial power washing) may continue.

PENALTIES FOR HIGH WATER USE

Stage 2 Surcharge rates apply automatically starting with the August 2026 bills, which are for usage dates beginning on June 12th:

Residential Volumetric Rate (per 1,000 gals)			
Tier 1	Up to 10,000 gal	Normal rate	\$4.83
Tier 2	10,000–20,000 gal	2.5× normal rate	\$12.08
Tier 3	Over 20,000 gal	3× normal rate	\$14.49

Non-Residential Volumetric Rates see full rate chart: [Water & Sewer Retail Rate Schedules 2026](#)

WHY THIS IS HAPPENING

Rainfall has been below average 17 of 19 months since 2024, and every month since September 2025.

The Catawba-Wataree River Basin has officially entered Stage 2 of its Low Inflow Protocol — the first time since 2009.

As a member utility, LCWSD is required to enforce these restrictions to protect the region's shared water supply.

QUESTIONS?

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