



MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

Stage 2 Drought • Effective May 15, 2026

GOAL: Reduce community-wide water use by 5–10%.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1) LAWN & GARDEN WATERING — By address number. Only between 2 AM to 10 AM.
(If you can, avoid watering.)

- Even addresses: Tuesday & Saturday
- Odd / no number: Wednesday & Sunday

2) STOP THESE ACTIVITIES

- Handwashing of personal vehicles.
- Power washing (Homeowners only)
- Filling swimming pools (Topping off is allowed.)
- Running decorative fountains that do NOT support aquatic life.

3) EXCEPTIONS

Licensed businesses and community-serving functions
(e.g., Commercial car washes & power washing companies may continue operations.)

PENALTIES FOR HIGH WATER USE

**Stage 2 Surcharge rates apply automatically, starting with the August 2026 bills.
August 2026 bills cover water use beginning on June 12, 2026.**

Residential and ¾" meter Volumetric Rate (per 1,000 gals)

Tier 1. Usage up to 10,000 gallons. Pay the normal rate: \$4.83
Tier 2. 10,000–20,000 gallons. Pay 2.5x the normal rate: \$12.08
Tier 3. Over 20,000 gallons Pay 3x the normal rate: \$14.49

For Non-Residential and larger meter Volumetric Rates, see our full rate chart.
Visit www.lcwasd.org and click on the Drought Alert Banner at the top of the website.

WHY THIS IS HAPPENING

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

For the first time since 2009, the Catawba-Wateree River Basin has officially entered Stage 2 of its Low Inflow Protocol.

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

QUESTIONS?

Because this is the first time this stage has been reached since 2009, LCWSD understands if you have questions.

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You can read such the 2026 Drought Management & Response Plan, our 2026 Water & Sewer Retail Rate Schedules, and the Catawba-Wateree LIP Trigger Status Summary.