

**RULES OF
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 391-3-30
OUTDOOR WATER USE**

Declared Drought Response Level Four – No outdoor water use is allowed, other than for activities exempted in 391-3-30-.05, or as the EPD Director may order.

Examples of prohibited uses:

- 1) Using hydrants for any purpose other than firefighting, public health, safety or flushing.
- 2) Washing hard surfaces, such as streets, gutters, sidewalks, driveways, except when necessary for public health and safety
- 3) Filling installed swimming pools except when necessary for health care or structural integrity.
- 4) Washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes, golf carts.
- 5) Washing buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
- 6) Non-commercial fund-raisers, such as car washes.
- 7) Using water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools, and waterfalls except when necessary to support aquatic life.

EXEMPTIONS

Residential outdoor water uses exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this rule include:

- (a) Irrigation of personal **food** gardens.

Commercial outdoor water uses exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this rule include:

- (a) Professionally certified or licensed landscapers, golf course contractors, and sports turf landscapers: during installation and 30 days following installation only. Professional landscapers must be certified or licensed for commercial exemptions to apply.
- (b) Irrigation contractors: during installation and as needed for proper maintenance and adjustments only.
- (c) Sod producers.
- (d) Ornamental growers.
- (e) Fruit and vegetable growers.
- (f) Retail garden centers.
- (g) Hydro-seeding.
- (h) Power-washing.
- (i) Construction sites.
- (j) Producers of food and fiber.
- (k) Car washes.
- (l) Other activities essential to daily business.
- (m) Watering-in of pesticides and herbicides on turf.

The following golf course outdoor water uses are exempt from the outdoor water use schedules of this rule.

- Irrigation of greens