

According to Drought.gov, as of April 23rd, 100% of Delta County is now in the exceptional drought condition category. All indications say drought conditions will only get worse.

The Town of Orchard City Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to implement mandatory water restrictions. These restrictions are intended to regulate water use and to promote the conservation of Town's water resources, prevent waste, and to ensure an adequate, consistent supply of water for human consumption and fire suppression. All users of the Town's water are hereby put on notice that stronger restrictions may be put into effect if these measures prove insufficient. Notice of this declaration will be posted at Town Hall, in the Delta County Independent, the High Country Shopper and mailed by U.S. Postal Service. **All pipeline companies will be properly notified through their named point of contact person per their contract agreement.**

2021 DROUGHT DECLARATION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Orchard City, Colorado that the following mandatory use restriction measures are in place effective May 1, 2021:

Section 1: Mandatory Use Restrictions

Any potable water for outdoor use, including but not limited to irrigation or to water any lawn, garden, tree, shrub or other outdoor vegetation must be done before 9:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m. on any given day.

No new connections to the municipal water system will be authorized.

Restrictions will not apply to those businesses dependent on potable water for daily operations consistent with their historical usage.

Section 2: Drought Water Rates

Base Fees: Remain unchanged.

First Billing Tier: Will be billed at:

- 1.96 (current rate) per 1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons (reduced) inside town limits
- 2.28 (current rate) per 1,000 gallons for the first 5,000 gallons (reduced) outside town limits
- 1.96 (current rate) per 1,000 gallons for the first 5,000 gallons (reduced) right-of-way customers

Multiple Use Taps: for additional 6,000 gallons will be billed at:

- 1.96 (current rate) per 1,000 gallons for inside town limits
- 2.28 (current rate) per 1,000 gallons for outside town limits
- 1.96 (current rate) per 1,000 gallons for right-of-way customers

Second Billing Tier: The next 5,000 gallons (reduced) will be billed at \$5.00 (increased) per 1,000 gallons for all water rates.

Final Billing Tier: All additional gallons will be billed at \$25.00 (increased) per 1,000 gallons for all water rates.

Section 3: Violations and Penalties for Wasting Water

Whenever a violation of the mandatory use restrictions is observed or has occurred:

A written notice shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the property where the violation is occurring or has occurred. A letter will be simultaneously sent by certified mail to the person or entity identified in the records of the Town as being the water service customer for the property.

Said notice shall reasonably describe the violation and order that it be abated, corrected or cured within twenty-four (24) hours of notification.

If the order is not complied with as specified in the notice, water service to the property upon which the violation occurred may be disconnected without further notice.

The property owner or entity of water service disconnection notice may appeal and seek a hearing concerning the same within ten (10) days.

The Town Administrator shall promptly schedule a meeting with the water committee on the appeal and a decision shall be rendered.

Section 4: Termination of Water Conservation Measures

Mandatory water conservation measures shall be reduced or terminated by the Board of Trustees by written resolution when the water supply shortage has been abated either in a Regular or Special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Town of Orchard City Board of Trustees

April 14, 2021