

Governor Cox Drought Executive Order

<https://governor.utah.gov/2021/03/17/gov-cox-issues-drought-executive-order/>

What is A Drought?

A drought is a normal and recurring climate condition. Although it occurs in virtually all of the world's climatic zones, its characteristics vary significantly from one region to another. Consequently, there is no universal drought definition. In general, drought is a result of a deficiency of precipitation over an extended period of time, resulting in a water shortage, which impacts normal water usage. The severity of a drought depends upon the degree of moisture deficiency, its duration, and the size of the affected area. Because it is so hard to develop a quantitative definition for drought, it is difficult to determine precisely when a drought starts and ends. Unlike impacts from floods, hurricanes, tornados or other weather-related disasters, drought impacts are not always immediate. Failed crops can impact food prices well into the future. Devastated domestic livestock and wildlife herds can also take many years to recover.

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<https://water.utah.gov/water-data/drought/>

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Lawn Watering Tips

<https://conserwater.utah.gov/weekly-lawn-watering-guide/>

City Landscaping Requirements FAQs

<http://orem.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FAQs-Landscaping.pdf>

What is the City Doing at its Parks?

The City of Orem Parks Section has implemented the following drought guidelines for city parks:

- All regional parks will implement a 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. watering window.
- All other parks and parkways will implement a 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. watering window.

- No spot watering will be allowed outside watering windows.
- Areas of new sod will have no restrictions for four weeks after installation. However, new sod installation should not take place from mid June to mid August.
- Use of evapotranspiration (ET) technology will be suspended.
- Watering will occur every three days with the exception of actively-programmed, heavily-used sport fields.
- Stressed trees and shrubs may need to be watered more frequently than every three days.
- All sprinklers will be visually checked monthly for breaks, broken heads, arc adjustments problems, etc.
- All reported irrigation issues will be resolved as soon as possible.
- While working on irrigation issues outside of watering windows, the technician needs to be visible to the public. For example, a truck needs to be out in the park with flashers on, the technician needs to be present and moving from station to station, and watering cannot be left unattended.
- Irrigation systems will be shut off manually during rain and wind events in areas without rain and wind sensors.

Firework website - <https://orem.org/fireworks/>