



# ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

*A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services  
to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.*

## SUMMARY OF KEY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR OWASA DRINKING WATER \* Effective June, 2009

Water Use	Year-Round	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Emergency
Spray Irrigation of <b>Turf / Grass</b> (on designated days of the week as noted)	3 days per week, up to 1 inch per week, 6 pm - 10 am only ** Odd Addresses: Tu/Th/Sat Even Addresses: Sun/W/F	1 day per week, up to 1/2 inch per week, 6 pm - 10 am only ** Odd Addresses: Tues. Even Addresses: Thurs.	<b>X</b> **	<b>X</b> **	<b>X</b>
Spray Irrigation of <b>Non-Turf Plant Materials</b> (on designated days of the week as noted)	3 days per week, up to 1 inch per week, 6 pm - 10 am only ** Odd Addresses: Tu/Th/Sat Even Addresses: Sun/W/F	3 days per week, up to 1 inch per week, 6 pm - 10 am only ** Odd Addresses: Tu/Th/Sat Even Addresses: Sun/W/F	1 day per week, up to 1/2 inch per week, 6 pm - 10 am only ** Odd Addresses: Tues. Even Addresses: Thurs.	<b>X</b> ***	<b>X</b>
Drip irrigation, underground drip emitters, soaker hose, hand-watering, and other non-spray methods allowed <i>at any time</i> or frequency	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b>
Washing of Building Exteriors <b>Before Painting</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
General Cleaning of Building Exteriors, Paved Areas, Etc.	✓	✓	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Filling, Refilling, or Topping Off of Ornamental Ponds, Fountains, etc.	✓	✓	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Vehicle Washing	✓	✓	Only at commercial or institutional facilities where at least 50% of the water is being recycled, or is from a non-potable source or well	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
Filling, Refilling, or Topping Off of Swimming Pools and Backyard-Scale Facilities to Support Wildlife	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>X</b>
Flushing or Pressure Testing New Water Lines	✓	✓	✓	✓	Only if captured and returned to system
<b>Year-Round Requirements, Regardless of Water Shortage Condition</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Automatic controllers and rainfall or soil moisture sensors required on all irrigation systems</li> <li>&gt; "Wasteful" water use* prohibited at all times</li> <li>&gt; Water leaks must be repaired within 10 days of discovery and/or notification by OWASA</li> <li>&gt; Water may be served in restaurants and other dining facilities only at customer's request</li> <li>&gt; Hotel/motel linens may only be changed upon customer changeover, every 5 days, or upon customer request</li> </ul>					
<b>Symbols and Notes</b>					
* For details, please see <a href="http://www.owasa.org/Conservation/Index.aspx">http://www.owasa.org/Conservation/Index.aspx</a> for the actual text of our Conservation Standards.					
✓ Water use is allowed.					
✗ Water use is not allowed.					
** Restrictions may not apply to public purpose athletic fields, recreational fields, or public purpose botanical sites operated in compliance with OWASA-approved Water Conservation Plans.					
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