

FAQ's:

Can I still hand water the other days of the week/any day of the week?

Yes, you can still hand water gardens, flower beds, shrubs, trees, etc.

Why do we have to ration water if we are already buying water from Oklahoma City?

Purchasing water from OKC can be as much as 3 X the cost of what our citizens currently pay. To control the amount of water purchased and the cost to our citizens, it is important that we continue our conservation efforts.

What is being done to drill more well/increase capacity?

The city is currently and actively looking at options to increase our water production by increasing the number of wells we have.

My neighbor is watering their lawn, who do I call?

If it is during business hours, please call City Hall. A staff member will direct the information to the correct person. If it is after hours, please call the non-emergency police line at 789-2323. https://www.cityofbethany.org/report_a_concern/index.php

After so much rainfall this spring, why are we experiencing such a situation?

I don't understand, Lake Overholser is full!

Despite a near record year of rainfall, the City's water comes from wells. Because of this, rainfall amounts don't impact our city's water levels as it would in a reservoir system. That being said, the availability of the water is not the critical issue, the capacity of our pumps is. In short, the water levels are fine, however, our pumps cannot keep up with the demand.

My house has its own well. Can I keep watering?

Yes, exceptions are granted for private wells. However, wells must comply with any cross-connection prevention measures required by City ordinance or Building Codes.

I installed sod, grass seed, or trees 2 weeks ago. They will die if I don't water! What can I do?

You may still hand water sod, grass seed and trees on days that is not your designated watering day.

Can I leave my hose unattended in my flower bed?

No, you must always attend to your watering.

What happens if I decide to water anyway?

Violators will be given 1 warning. Citations will be issued for repeat violators on each subsequent day which watering is observed. Excessive violations are subject to water cutoff. §52.1(D) A fine of \$580.00 and a mandatory court appearance may be issued.

How long will this last?

Until further notice. We'll be evaluating our water levels and pump capacity on a regular basis. At which point we have returned to safe capacity in relation to our usage, our rationing stage will be downgraded. Please watch our social media and website for the most up to date information.

Am I still allowed to shower, brush my teeth, wash my dishes, etc.?

Yes, these rationing measures pertain only to outdoor watering. Our system is able to support indoor daily usage.

Don't we/why aren't we buying water from Oklahoma City?

The City of Bethany has an independent water service from Oklahoma City. We have the option to purchase Oklahoma City water in emergencies, however it is very expensive. If we have to purchase water from an outside source, the cost will be passed onto citizens. This is something we are trying to avoid.

What happens if we run out of water?

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If we have to buy water from Oklahoma City, will my bill go up?

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