

City of Spearfish Water Conservation Program

Water Conservation Alert Status Indicators

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Alert Code “Blue” - Voluntary

Code Blue is defined as the Normal Water Conservation Alert. Customers are asked to observe “best practices” in use of their water. There are no impacts to the water system and everything is operating normally.

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Alert Code “Green” - Increased

Code Green is defined as Increased Voluntary Conservation Alert. Customers are asked to use the even/odd watering day schedule for outside watering and to only water during the hours of 6:00pm to 8:00 am. Customers should increase efforts to conserve by following strict water conservation practices indoors and limiting outdoor water use.

The Water/Wastewater Utilities Superintendent, with the consent of the City Administrator and the Public Works Administrator, can move the city to Code Green. The City Council will be notified at the next regular council meeting.

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Alert Code “Orange” - Rationing

Code Orange is defined as a Rationing Conservation Alert. Customers are requested to minimize indoor water use and are required to limit outdoor water use as follows:

- Outdoor irrigation will be limited to vegetable gardens only between the hours 6:00pm and 8:00am. **NO LAWN WATERING IS PERMITTED.**
- The filling, refilling or adding of water to indoor and outdoor pools, wading pools or spas is prohibited.
- The use of water to clean, maintain, fill or refill decorative fountains or a similar structure is prohibited
- Vehicle washing is prohibited.
- The use of fire hydrants, except for firefighting purpose, is prohibited.

Moving to Code Orange requires a resolution of the City Council as required by Sec 18-41 of the Municipal Code.

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Alert Code “Red” - Critical

Code Red is defined as a Critical Water Conservation Alert, when water supplies are only available for health and safety needs. Customers are requested to minimize indoor water use and are prohibited for all outdoor water use.

Critical Alerts are used for emergency situations only where there has been damage to infrastructure, if there is a severe wildfire in the area, large structure fires or any other catastrophic event. Code Red may be declared by the Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

Water Conservation Alert Status will be posted at City buildings and also on the City website.

Status changes will also be released to local media outlets and will be shown on your monthly utility bill.