

Memo to the City of Ouray Utility Customers regarding  
Water Conservation Ordinance

The following is an excerpt from

Ordinance No. 5 Series 2018

Effective May 7, 2018

Please visit the City website for the full version.  
Each "Stage" will be announced via Facebook  
and the Plaindealer.



**Conserve  
Water**



**Stage I - Voluntary Restrictions: Statewide Drought Status**

- Does not apply to drip systems and use of hand-watering containers.
- No irrigating between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays.
- Properties located on the SOUTH side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- Outreach on water use and fixing leaks, limited gardening, etc.

**Stage II - Mandatory Restrictions: Demand exceeds system capacity**

- Properties located on the SOUTH side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays.
- City Parks irrigation limited to the same as properties north and south of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Stage III - Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage I and Stage II actions**

- Maintain all Stage II curtailments plus:
- Largest outdoor water users significantly curtailed.
- Restaurants only serve water upon customer request.

**Stage IV - Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage III actions**

- Maintain all Stage III curtailments plus:
- Properties located on the SOUTH side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – irrigate only on Tuesdays and Saturdays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue – irrigate only on Wednesdays and Sundays on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month
- City Parks irrigation limited to the same as all properties north and south of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Stage V - Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage IV actions**

- Maintain all Stage IV curtailments plus: No outdoor irrigation, No car washing, pond, or pool filling, No sidewalk washing, No use of potable water in water features (e.g., fountains).

**Stage VI - Demand remains above system capacity and tank levels are not sustained after Stage V actions**

- Maintain all Stage V curtailments plus: Allow no new connections to system until fall or relief from drought and Contact largest commercial and, or, industrial customers and meet to develop a plan to reduce indoor consumption by 30%.

Penalties for violations to provisions of this section shall be as follows:

- A first violation shall be subject to a written warning as described in section 9-11-F;
- A second violation by the same individual, regardless of the location of the violation, shall be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) plus court costs;
- A third or subsequent violation by the same individual, regardless of the location of the violation, shall be subject to a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment of not more than ninety (90) days, or by both, plus court costs, provided however, that no person under the age of eighteen (18) years may be sentenced to any term of imprisonment.

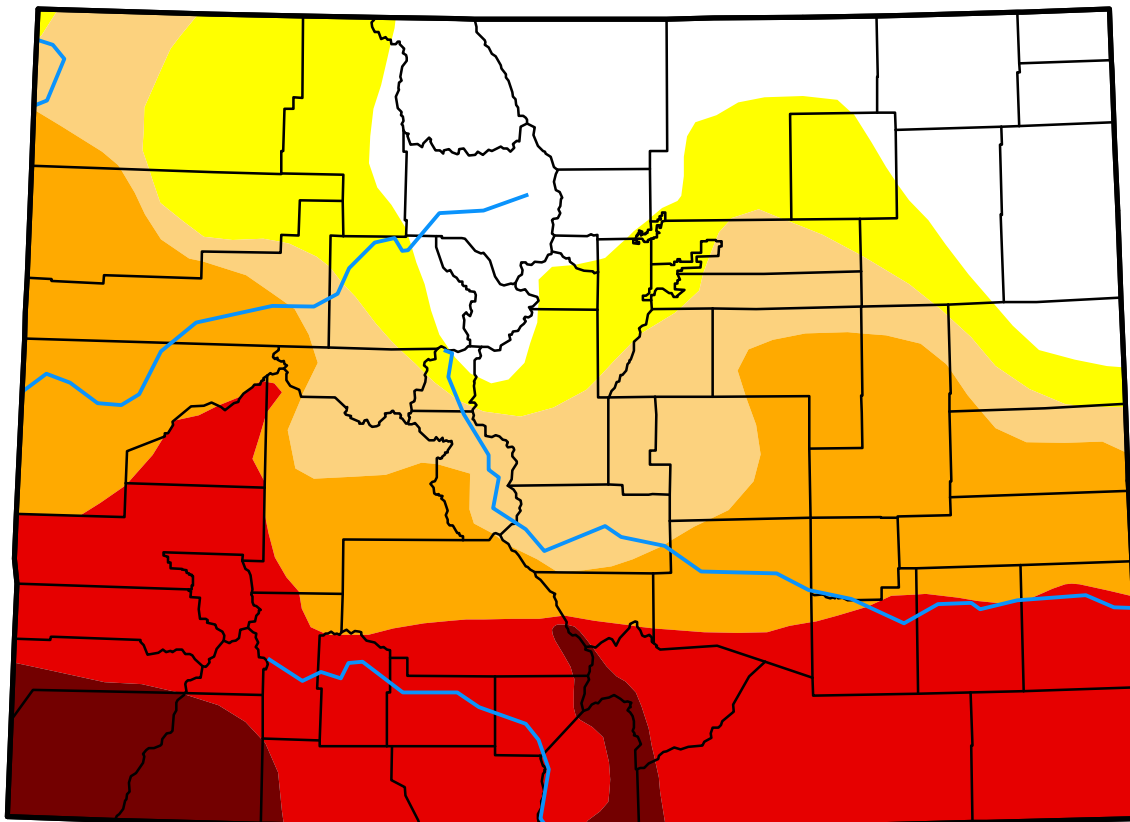
The US Drought Monitor Colorado map is on the back page for your information. Information will be updated and available throughout the season. For more information, please go to City Hall; 320 6<sup>th</sup> AVE or call 970-325-7211.

# U.S. Drought Monitor Colorado

**May 1, 2018**  
(Released Thursday, May. 3, 2018)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	18.47	81.53	67.98	53.65	30.89	5.02
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-24-2018</i>	18.47	81.53	67.98	53.65	30.89	3.87
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-30-2018</i>	0.59	99.41	75.90	29.21	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-02-2018</i>	6.57	93.43	33.53	7.27	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-26-2017</i>	67.63	32.37	3.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-02-2017</i>	83.52	16.48	3.57	0.00	0.00	0.00



### Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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