

DROUGHT RESOURCES FOR HOA'S

Drought FAQ - ORS § 94.779 and ORS § 100.023

1. If a drought is declared in my county, am I required to irrigate per my Homeowner's or Condominium Association rules?

A planned community's or condominium's governing document that imposes irrigation requirements on owners or the association itself is void and unenforceable when:

1. A drought declaration made by the Governor is in effect,
2. If the Water Resources Commission finds that a drought exists or is likely to occur,
3. If an ordinance is adopted by the local municipal government to conserve or curtail water use, or
4. If the association adopts a new rule to manage water.

This means that a homeowner's association or condominium association may not penalize owners for failing to water during a drought even if the association's covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CCRs) mandate certain irrigation practices. Please consult the HOA or condominium governing documents for provisions regarding irrigation requirements or contact your association directly with concerns regarding irrigation during a declared drought.

2. How do I know if a drought is declared in my county?

The Governor has the authority to declare a drought and the need for water conservation by municipalities. See the State Drought Declaration Process and Emergency Tools [page](#) for more information on drought declaration processes. Current drought declarations can be found, [here](#). Also, visit the City of Bend's Drought Information and Preparedness [page](#) for local drought information in Bend.

[Current Water Conditions and Drought Status](#) - List of relevant links on water conditions and status of drought declarations, and other related information.

[Oregon Water Conditions Report](#) - Stay up-to-date on Oregon's water conditions and projections of water supply.

[Drought Declaration Status Map](#) - Stay up-to-date on drought declarations made by the Governor and declaration requests by county.

[Deschutes County Reservoir Storage Diagrams](#) - Monitor Deschutes county reservoirs capacity and current levels.



3. What do I do if my HOA or condo board fines me for not irrigating even though a drought is in effect?

The City of Bend does not regulate this area and is not involved in the enforcement of an HOA or Condominium Association's rules and regulations. Please contact your association directly with any questions.

4. The City of Bend has issued a voluntary water use reduction request. What is this, and does this affect my HOA's irrigation rules?

The City Manager is authorized to determine the need for curtailment of water during shortages or in anticipation of a shortage. This declaration applies to City of Bend water users only.

There is currently no City of Bend curtailment or emergency notice in effect at this time. However, the City has issued a voluntary water reduction request, click [here](#). This voluntary water reduction request does not affect your HOA's irrigation rules.

[Bend Oregon Online Mapper](#) - locate properties in Bend serviced by local water utilities

- Select "Data" -> "Water and Sewer" -> "Water Service Areas"
- Make sure Bend Base Map is Selected to find your address.



Accommodation Information for People with Disabilities

To obtain this information in an alternate format such as Braille, large print, electronic formats, etc. please contact Utility Communications at jprice@bendoregon.gov or 541-317-3010, Relay Users Dial 7-1-1.

