



### **Sedgwick County Rural Water District 2 Declaration of Water Warning**

The City of Wichita has moved to Stage 2 of the City's drought response plan effective Monday, August 5, 2024, Wichita's action extends to wholesale customers of Wichita water including Valley Center and Sedgwick County Rural Water District 2.

In response, **Sedgwick County Rural Water District 2 has declared a Stage 2 water warning and enacted the Water Conservation Plan water warning response.**

The following restrictions are enacted with a goal of reducing overall weekly District water use by 10%. RWD2 will keep Stage 2 restrictions in place until the status of the RWD2 primary water supply source changes and the governing body declares by resolution that the water warning has ended.

**Effective upon today's publication, Rural Water District 2 customers, including residential, business, and commercial customers, will be limited to outdoor watering one day per week and may water only between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.**

**Outdoor watering is limited to one day per week, Tuesday through Friday. No outdoor watering is allowed Saturday, Sunday and Monday.**

Outdoor watering, either public or private, includes lawns, trees, shrubs, plants, parks, playing fields, swimming pools or other recreational areas; or the washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers, or the exterior of any building or structure.

Some exemptions for businesses dependent on water use for their operations are applicable.

Residents on well water or who use well water for irrigation are encouraged to continue to conserve water but are exempt from outdoor watering restrictions.

Sedgwick County Rural Water District 2 will continue to monitor water consumption on a monthly basis. RWD2 will consider excess water use charges if conservation efforts continue to exceed amounts used in the winter.

City of Wichita Public Works and Utilities staff are monitoring system water use and Cheney conservation pool levels. They anticipate extending Stage 2 into the fall months. Stage 3 will be discussed should water levels within Cheney's conservation pool reach a 12-month average of below 50%, which will impact the RWD2 primary supply source.

Thank you to all RWD2 benefit unit owners for your cooperation with conservation and water usage reduction efforts as drought conditions continue to impact each of us.

**Please contact the Sedgwick County RWD2 office for additional information.**