

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (for Water Conservation page on RWD2 website)

Sedgwick County Rural Water District 2 gets its water from the City of Wichita through the City of Valley Center. The City of Wichita gets its water from two sources:

- Cheney Reservoir which relies on rainwater runoff to fill
- The Equus Bed Aquifer where groundwater is stored for future use

The City of Wichita entered Stage 2 of the City’s Drought Response Plan in August of 2024. By extension, those jurisdictions who receive water supply from the City of Wichita also entered Stage 2 drought response plans. The City of Wichita recovered to Stage 1 in September of 2025.

Drought stages are determined by the average level of the Cheney Reservoir over a year-long (running 12 month) period within the conservation pool. The City of Wichita Public Works established stage 1 twelve-month average level is 70% full or greater.

As of October 1, 2025, the 12-month Cheney Reservoir level was 72.8% full.

As of October 22, 2025, the current Cheney Reservoir level was 100% full, at 1.42 ft. above normal. [Drought Update | Wichita, KS](#)

Rural Water District 2 and surrounding communities have implemented new water conservation measures for outdoor sprinkler spray irrigation systems to encourage best watering practices and conservation. A 3 days per week watering schedule is now permanently in effect. If drought conditions emerge, additional conservation measures will take effect.

SG Co. RWD2 Watering Schedule						
Water before 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.						
No Watering	Even Address	Odd Address	Even Address	Odd Address	Even Address	Odd Address
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

How does odd/even watering work in Wichita? It's simple.

- If your address ends in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9), you can water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- If your address ends in an even number (0,2,4,6,8), you can water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

- No outdoor watering on Mondays.

Additionally, time restrictions are in place to keep watering happening at the most efficient time of day. There is **no watering allowed between 10:00am – 6:00pm any day of the week.**

This restriction applies to sprinkler irrigation devices to limit wasted water and discourage excessive sprinkler irrigation. Flowers/trees/shrubs can be watered by hand on any day outside the time restriction, but we recommend following a watering schedule consistent with best practices from K-State Extension Office.

Which water uses are NOT impacted by the 3-day per week watering schedule? (Water-wise conservation practices are still encouraged)

- All indoor water usage
- Hand watering
- Hose watering
- Drip irrigation
- Well water usage
- Non-potable water usage
- Non-irrigation outdoor water usage (Pools, recreational activity, washing, and more)

What should I do if I am establishing a new lawn or plant and I need to water on a different schedule?

Variance Requests

- Variances to the 3 day per week watering schedule can be requested for the establishment of new turf seed and sod and limited special circumstances. Hand watering and other exempt actions do not require a variance request. View Variance Policy here.
 - Turf Seed (30 days)
 - Turf Sod (21 days)
 - Special circumstances

The variance request form is available on the RWD2 documents webpage <https://sedgwickrwd2.com/> with specific options for establishing new turf. By filling out the form and notifying the RWD2 Manager, you will be able to follow a modified watering schedule for up to 30 days. We encourage water users to be

conservation-minded at all times and find turf/plants that are suited to the local climate and water availability.

Do I need to make a variance request to plant a tree?

No, trees should be supplementally hand watered (outside 10 am – 6 pm) which does not require a variance request.

Businesses:

This applies to businesses besides those that derive their core economic activity from water use. Other businesses must follow this restriction and limit their watering to the three day per week schedule.