



Current Events

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

WATERPRO'S OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED TO WALK-IN TRAFFIC.

To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, we have closed our offices to the public until further notice.

Phones will still be staffed during regular business hours, so feel free to call.

If you must meet with staff, please call 801-571-2232 to make an appointment.

We are constantly monitoring the situation and will open the office again once it is considered safe.

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Governor Cox Declares State of Emergency Due to Drought

On Wednesday, March 17, Utah Governor Spencer Cox issued a state of emergency due to the ongoing drought in Utah.

Approximately 90% of the state is in "extreme" drought conditions. While recent storms have added to the snowpack total for the winter, most of the populous areas of the state still have less than 85% of normal snowpack.

In addition, the soil moisture is at its lowest level since 2006. Much of the

rain and snowmelt will be soaked up by the thirsty soil, rather than refilling reservoirs. This means much less available water for the summer.

The emergency declaration allows for state and federal resources that can help those affected by the drought.

So, what can we expect during a drought emergency?

Farmers may lose up to one-third of their income as they cut back on planting or lose crops to drought.

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Last Chance to Double-Check Your Irrigation System!

✓ Stop and waste: OFF

✓ Leaks: REPAIRED

We begin pressuring up our Pressure Irrigation (PI) system on March 29, so make sure to inspect your system to avoid flooding your yard, house, or neighborhood. Check that your stop and waste valve is in the "off" position. This is also a great time to fix any leaks or breaks.

Please contact a qualified landscaper if you need help. WaterPro's responsibility for the water system ends at your meter if you have one; if no meter, at the stop and waste. Any leaks or damage on a customer's property are the responsibility of the property owner.



Water Week Activities for Kids

The first week of May is Water Week in Utah, and most years that means WaterPro partners with Draper City, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, and the South Valley Sewer District to host water-related field trips for fourth graders in all Draper schools.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Water Week field trips will not take place this year. For teachers or parents who would like to explore water conservation with kids in a fun way, we recommend these online resources:

<https://drinktap.org/Kids-Place>

<https://www.watercalculator.org>

<https://wateruseitwisely.com/kids/games>

Drought Emergency (contd.)

Wildfire danger will increase. The governor requests all Utahns to be especially careful to avoid actions that can start wildfires, such as setting off unauthorized fireworks or being careless about campfires.

Water restrictions might be imposed later in the summer. All water utilities (including WaterPro) have drought plans in place, ready to be implemented if necessary.

What you can do

Rather than wait for your water supplier to impose restrictions, please be proactive and conserve water whenever possible. Suggestions:

Wait to water your landscaping. WaterPro's pressure irrigation season

begins on April 15, but the longer you can delay watering, the better for the entire state.

Change out your landscaping. Replace water-wasting grass with beautiful native plants. Visit www.conservationgardenpark.org for lots of ideas.

Schedule a free WaterCheck (beginning May 1) to optimize your irrigation system. Visit <https://slowtheflow.org> to schedule your WaterCheck.

Make saving water a way of life. Again, <https://slowtheflow.org> is a great place to get inspiration for saving water throughout your home – inside and out.

Refresh your earthquake preparedness with the annual Great Utah Shake Out



Every April, the Great Utah Shake Out gives your family, your neighborhood, your school, or any other organization a great chance to practice your earthquake preparedness. To join this year's Shake Out, visit <https://www.shakeout.org/utah> for more information.

Visit www.utah.gov/beready for even more ideas about how you can stay safe and be prepared for a natural disaster.