

# **ROBIN HOOD WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

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Due to the continued drought across the state, New Mexico is now considered one of the driest states in the United States. It is being reported that many of the springs in the area are producing less water than in previous years. Historically, the production from our primary source of water, Hyatt Spring, dropped from 21 gallons per minute (gpm) (2010) to a low of 10.5 gpm (2019). That is a drop from 30,240 gallons per day (gpd) to 15,184 gpd. As of July, 2025 the spring produced 19,440 gpd. Recent water use in Robin Hood averaged just under 17,000 gallons per day. On holidays and weekends when the population increases, the spring actually cannot meet the Association's needs and we have to rely on the well to keep storage tanks full. Long range forecasts from the National Weather Service indicate the drought will probably continue and ground water sources will continue to decrease. We must all take water conservation very seriously.

**The Board of Directors is required to take whatever steps are necessary in order to ensure there is an adequate supply of safe drinking water for use by the members of the Robin Hood Water Users' Association. To meet that responsibility, the Board will determine which of the following stages of water conservation and use restrictions will need to be in effect for the membership.**

**Should members not comply with the water conservation and use restrictions in effect, the Board has the authority to assess violators a negligence fee of \$250 for a first offense and increase it by \$250 more for each subsequent offense, or terminate water service if violations continue.**

The following conservation tips are provided by the Environmental Protection Agency:

- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving which can save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.

## **Stage 1 – Practice Water Conservation**

Ideally, this stage would represent the normal level of operations with the lowest level of mandatory water use restrictions.

**Spring:** Our primary source of water, Hyatt Spring, barely produces a supply of water that is sufficient for (1) providing for the normal daily water consumption of the residents of Robin Hood Park & Estates, (2) keeping the water storage tanks at full capacity, and (3) providing for some daily overflow to the pond in order to maintain the level of the pond for wildlife and fire department use.

**Well:** Our secondary source of water is for backup purposes to be used only in emergency situations.

**Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions:** Association members voluntarily practice good water conservation, acting in a responsible manner to prevent excessive consumption of this precious resource. Association members must also comply with the following mandatory water use restrictions:

- 35 gallons per day per water hookup may be used for watering animals, whether livestock, working animals or pets. Should more water be required, members must be able to provide written evidence the water was obtained from an outside source and transported to their property. The Board may make an exemption to this restriction for water users with sufficiently large rainwater collection systems.

**Member Responsibilities:** Members are expected to check in and around their home for water leaks and correct any problems immediately, especially leaky toilets and faucets. Should you observe any water leaks around a main line, please notify Steve Brito (575)921-6095 or Tojia Morris (432)-288-8531. You should turn off the water to your home **at your valve box at the Association supply line** when you leave for extended periods. If you allow anyone to stay in your home while you are away, make sure they know the proper procedures for opening and closing water and drain valves.

### **Stage 2 – Mandatory Water Use Restrictions In Effect**

If the production from our spring continues to diminish and/or voluntary conservation measures are not successful, the Board will put this stage into effect which imposes mandatory water use restrictions.

**Spring:** Our primary source of water, Hyatt Spring, is **not** producing a supply of water that is sufficient for (1) providing for the normal daily water consumption of the residents of Robin Hood Park & Estates, (2) keeping the water storage tanks at full capacity, and (3) providing for some daily overflow to the pond in order to maintain the level of the pond for wildlife and fire department use.

**Well:** Our secondary source of water is used from 8-12 hours per week to supplement the water provided by the spring.

**Stage 2 Water Use Restrictions:** Association members must comply with the following mandatory water use restrictions:

- Outside hand-held, hose watering of flowers beds and containers or lawns and gardens is limited to 20 minutes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- No outside watering by sprinklers, drip systems, or irrigation systems. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with sufficiently large volume rainwater collection or gray water collection systems.
- No washing of vehicles, trailers or heavy equipment of any kind. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with sufficiently large volume rainwater collection or gray water collection systems.
- No filling or refilling of swimming pools or hot tubs. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with sufficiently large volume rainwater collection systems. Otherwise, water users must be able to provide written evidence the water was obtained from an outside source and transported to their property.
- 25 gallons per day per water hookup may be used for watering animals, whether livestock, working animals or pets. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with sufficiently large volume rainwater collection systems. Otherwise, water users must be able to provide written evidence the water was obtained from an outside source and transported to their property.

**Member Responsibilities:** Same as Stage 1 plus compliance with above water use restrictions.

### **Stage 3 – Critical Water Situation - Mandatory Water Use Restrictions In Effect**

If the production from our spring continues to diminish and/or Stage 1 and 2 restrictions are not successful, the Board will put this stage into effect which imposes mandatory water use restrictions.

**Spring:** Our primary source of water, Hyatt Spring, is producing 10 or fewer gallons per minute which is not sufficient for (1) providing for the normal daily water consumption of the residents of Robin Hood Park & Estates, (2) keeping the water storage tanks at full capacity, and (3) providing for some daily overflow to the pond in order to maintain the level of the pond for wildlife and fire department use.

**Well:** Our secondary source of water is used 4 or more hours **per day** to supplement the water provided by the spring.

**Stage 3 Water Use Restrictions:** Association members must comply with the following mandatory water use restrictions:

- **No Robin Hood water shall be used for any purpose other than normal domestic indoor household consumption.**
- No outside watering of any kind at any time, including lawns, gardens, flowers beds, trees, etc. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with large volume rainwater collection or gray water collection systems.
- No washing of vehicles, trailers, or heavy equipment of any kind. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with large volume rainwater collection or gray water collection systems.
- No filling or refilling of swimming pools or hot tubs. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with sufficiently large volume rainwater collection systems. Otherwise, water users must be able to provide written evidence the water was obtained from an outside source and transported to their property.
- All water for livestock and working animals must be obtained from an outside source and transported to the water users' property. Members must be able to provide written evidence water was obtained from an outside source. Water for pets is limited to 10 gallons per day. The Board may make exemptions to these restrictions for water users with large volume rainwater collection systems.

**Member Responsibilities:** Same as Stages 1 and 2 plus compliance with above water use restrictions. Members who use water for any purpose other than normal domestic indoor household consumption must be able to provide evidence the water was obtained from an outside source and transported to their property.

