



City of Galveston

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City of Galveston under Stage 5 water restrictions while supplier repairs its leak

The City of Galveston has implemented Stage 5 water restrictions until further notice while the Gulf Coast Water Authority works on a water leak in one of its main lines.

Galveston, TX – Nov. 12, 2018 – The City of Galveston is under Stage 5 water conservation restrictions while the Gulf Coast Water Authority, the City’s water supplier, assesses a water leak in a line serving many municipal customers.

The Gulf Coast Water Authority mobilized maintenance crews on Monday, Nov. 12, to determine a repair plan for a leak in a 42-inch water line serving Galveston and other municipal customers. The water authority shut down the line during the assessment, and water will be re-routed to the City of Galveston through other water lines starting Tuesday. Depending on the outcome of the assessment, the repair plan may vary and change the restriction schedule.

While the main water line is shut down, the City is implementing Stage 5 water restrictions. Under Stage 5 of the Water Conservation Plan, all irrigation of landscaped areas with potable water is prohibited. Use of potable water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer airplane or other vehicle is also prohibited.

There will be a pro rata curtailment of water deliveries to wholesale water customers as provided in Texas Water Code 11.039. The City also will reduce water pressure as a conservation precaution. Residents and businesses may notice this at their homes.

There shall not be any flushing of the City’s fire hydrant system and contractors working on City projects shall not provide any service that will conflict with the City’s water conservation mode.

The City has prepared for this Gulf Coast Water Authority project by filling its water storage tanks. The City will have a better assessment tomorrow of how much water the City is receiving from the water authority via the re-routed lines.

The 42” water line operated by the Gulf Coast Water Authority serves customers in Galveston, Tiki Island, Bayou Vista, Hitchcock and Santa Fe, as well as portions of La Marque, Dickinson and League City.





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These restrictions will continue until further notice. During this time, the City will monitor water supply and demand on a constant basis and send notifications to the public every four hours. We encourage residents and businesses to follow our social media pages and local media for updates.

For water conservation tips, please visit <https://www.galvestontx.gov/779/Water-Conservation-Tips>. Follow the Gulf Coast Water Authority on social media for updated repair information. The City of Galveston will also provide updates to keep our residents informed.

City ordinance No. 09-048 outlines the Water Conservation Plan.

