

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD

DATE: MARCH 10, 2026
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, George Di Ciero City & County Building
One DesCombes Drive
Broomfield, Colorado 80020

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the City and County of Broomfield on

ORDINANCE NO. 2294

An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 13-36 of the Broomfield Municipal Code
Water Use and Drought Restrictions

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City and County of Broomfield, Colorado:

Section 1.

Section 13-36-015 of the Broomfield Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13-36-015 - Irrigation practices during **April through November** ~~times~~ with no declared drought condition.

(A) During **the months of April through November** ~~times not~~ with no declared a drought condition as set forth in this chapter, the customer, owner, and occupant of the licensed premises shall adhere to the following standard irrigation practices:

(1) For turf areas irrigated by potable or reclaimed water, irrigation is limited to three days per week. A "house number" is defined by the last two digits of a street address. (Ex. - 02, 14, 22 are even numbers; 15, 19, 27 are odd numbers).

(a) Addresses ending in an even number may irrigate on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the week.

(b) Addresses ending in an odd number may irrigate on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday of the week.

(2) Turf irrigation shall be avoided between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(a) For small parcels irrigation must occur on designated days. Small parcels are those with less than 100,000 square feet (or 2.3 acres) of irrigated turf.

(b) For large parcels where irrigation may span multiple days over a single evening (e.g., 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the following day), day of the week

designations, as referenced throughout this chapter, means the day in which irrigation must begin. Large parcels are those with equal to or more than 100,000 square feet (or 2.3 acres) of irrigated turf.

(3) Turf areas irrigated by reclaimed water shall not irrigate before ~~April~~ March 1 or after November 30.

(4) Large parcels, defined as those with equal to or more than 100,000 square feet (or 2.3 acres) of irrigated turf, where it is not feasible to run all irrigation zones in the time allotted between 6 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. are exempt from the watering day limitations in section A(1) and watering hour limitation in section A(2) only if:

(a) The parcel is registered with the department of water utilities and granted permission to deviate from the watering day limitations;

(b) The owner of the parcel takes action to ensure that efficient irrigation practices are followed on the parcel; and

(c) The owner of the parcel provides documentation to the department of water utilities demonstrating that each irrigation zone is run no more than three times per week.

(B) System maintenance. An irrigation system may be operated at any time for the purpose of repair or regular maintenance, provided that misuse or waste of water does not occur in violation of section 13-24-010, B.M.C.

(C) Trees, shrubs, gardens. The irrigation of trees, shrubs, or gardens may occur at any time if watered by hand, a drip irrigation system, a bubbler system, or by a soaker hose. Hand watering means holding in the hand a hose with an attached positive shutoff nozzle, and does not include operating a hose with a sprinkler or manually operating an irrigation controller.

(D) Excess Runoff. It shall be unlawful to waste water by allowing excess runoff from watering or other uses to flow down the gutters.

(E) Damaged irrigation systems or components. Any damaged irrigation systems or components, such as broken lines or sprinkler nozzles, that are causing waste by allowing excess runoff from watering or other uses shall be repaired or the irrigation system shut down within 10 days from the time a violation is documented by the city .

(F) New seed or sod. Any newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf areas in the city are exempt from the turf irrigation watering day and watering hour limitations prescribed above, provided the newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf area is registered with the department of water utilities. Once registered with the department of water utilities, newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf areas can irrigate as necessary for up to 21 days

for establishment. After the first 21 days of establishment irrigation, the newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf areas are subject to the watering day and watering hours outlined in section A above.

Section 2.

A new section 13-36-016 of the Broomfield Municipal Code is hereby added to read as follows:

13-36-016 - Irrigation practices during December through March with no declared drought condition

During the months of December through March with no declared drought condition as set forth in this chapter, there will be no day or time restrictions for irrigating turf as set forth in Section 13-36-015. All other sections of Chapter 13-36 will remain in effect.

Section 3.

Sections 13-36-030(G) and 13-36-030(N) of the Broomfield Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

13-36-030 - Drought Condition I; mandatory water use restrictions.

(G) *New seed or sod.* New sod, seed, or re-seed shall not be installed between June 1 and September 15 during Drought Condition I. Any newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf areas in the city are exempt from the turf irrigation water day and watering hour limitations prescribed above, provided the newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf area is registered with the department of **water utilities public works**. Once registered with the department of **water utilities public works**, newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf areas are subject to the following limitations:

(1) Total irrigation is limited to 2.0 inches per week for up to **21 days** ~~two weeks~~ from initial installation of sod or seed. ~~There shall be no irrigation between the hours of 10:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m.~~

(2) After the first **21 days** ~~two weeks~~ of establishment irrigation, newly sodded, seeded, or re-seeded turf areas are subject to the requirements under subsections A–D above.

(N) *Permits.* For good cause shown, the director or deputy director of **water utilities public works** may issue water variance permits in instances of personal hardship.

Section 4.

Section 13-36-040(O) of the Broomfield Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13-36-040 - Drought Condition II; mandatory water use restrictions.

(O) Permits. For good cause shown, the director or deputy director of **water utilities** ~~public works~~ may issue water variance permits in instances of personal hardship.

Section 5.

Section 13-36-050(J)(3) of the Broomfield Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13-36-050 - Drought Condition III; mandatory water use restrictions.

(J) Washing of vehicles and boats.

(3) Commercial car washes shall have recycling capabilities in order to operate and are required to obtain a permit from the director or deputy director of **water utilities** ~~public works~~ as a condition of operation.

Section 6.

This ordinance is effective seven days after publication following final passage.

Introduced and approved after first reading on January 27, 2026, and ordered published in full.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Nancy Rodgers

City and County Attorney

*Bold type indicates new material to be added to the Broomfield Municipal Code.
Dashes through words indicate deletions from the Broomfield Municipal Code.*

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