

For Immediate Release | June 13, 2024

## Ridgway Enacts Stage 1 Voluntary Water Restrictions

Ridgway, CO – At the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ridgway Town Council, the Town Council voted to put Stage 1 Voluntary Water Restrictions into effect.

Ouray County is currently in the “Abnormally Dry” drought category according to the U.S. Drought Portal, accessible at [www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov). The Town’s water production records show that water use has been steadily increasing over the last several weeks. Here in the arid west, periodic droughts are a simple fact of life. Climate change and other factors may be contributing to more frequent and severe droughts. Thankfully, there are many things we can all do to help our community get through dry periods. Nearly 50% of residential water use occurs outside your home. The good news is, it’s easy to save water outdoors. To check out some easy tips for conserving water outdoor, click [HERE](#).



The Town Council has continually expressed a desire to conserve water in times of need to ensure effective and safe delivery of water to our community. The following Voluntary Water Restrictions, as described in the Town’s [Water Conservation and Management Plan](#), shall remain in effect until modified or revoked by further order of the Town Council:

- No irrigating between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or when windy, in order to minimize evaporation, and anytime on Mondays.
- Properties located on the SOUTH side of Hwy 62 and Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Properties located on the NORTH side of Hwy 62 and Hunter Parkway – irrigate only on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Please note that these voluntary restrictions do not apply to drip systems and use of hand-watering containers.

For more information on the Voluntary Water Restrictions, please email [pneill@town.ridgway.co.us](mailto:pneill@town.ridgway.co.us) or call 970-626-5308.

###