



THE CITY OF VALE, OREGON

Malheur County Seat



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RE: City of Vale Water Curtailment

Dear Citizens of Vale,

These past few years have been difficult for many in Malheur County due to drought conditions. In May 2022 Malheur County declared a drought declaration in anticipation of a water shortages. Many constituents in the county are beginning to see signs of low water in their wells, including the city of Vale.

The city water system supply comes from eight wells. A single well on Washington Street in town and seven wells at the airport near the water treatment plant. Last year 2 of the airport wells ran low, but we had enough water from the remaining wells to supply the city. In July 2022, the city made a record 12.3 million gallons of water.

In the last few weeks, the city of Vale noticed well 1 and 2 were again low, but also had alerts for low water for 2 other wells on 7/29/2022. We are midway through the summer now and would like to remind everyone to do their share in conserving water to avoid any water restrictions. Below are a few ideas homeowners can work on to conserve water.

- Keep your grass longer to keep the soil moist for longer periods between watering
- Do not over water
- Move plants to a shady location
- Use a drip system for water conservation
- Check for leaks and fix leaky faucets
- Take shorter showers
- Do not take baths
- Turn off faucets when brushing your teeth
- Run dishwasher only when full
- Get a water-saving toilet
- Do not wash cars
- No private swimming pools
- No ponds or fountains

These are just a handful of ideas to help with water conservation. The drought is real, and we need your help to conserve and reduce the chance of water restrictions.

If the city must implement water restrictions, you can find the full Water Use Curtailment Ordinance located on our website.

<https://www.cityofvale.com/city-code/> Click on Vale City Code Complete Chapter 2, pages 115 to 116.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve water.

Todd Fuller

Vale City Manager