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## Edwards Aquifer Authority orders Stage 5 permit reductions

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### THE UVALDE POOL

The Uvalde pool pumping permit reductions only apply to Uvalde County.

Critical Period Stage	J-27 Index Well Level above mean sea level (amsl)	% of Water Reduction
No Stage indicates stable levels	850 feet or above	0%
Stage 1	N/A	0%
Stage 2	Less than 850 feet	5%
Stage 3	Less than 845 feet	20%
Stage 4	Less than 842 feet	35%
Stage 5	Less than 840 feet	44%

Please note: Residents and businesses who receive their water from a public water system are encouraged to check with their water provider to determine how stage reductions could impact them.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority has declared Stage 5 permit reductions for the Uvalde Pool,

which means area users must reduce their water pumping by 44 percent.

The EAA last ordered Stage 5 restrictions in March of 2013 – also the first time it ordered Stage 5 restrictions – which remained in place until June of 2015.

This week, on April 8, the EAA announced the 10-day rolling average water level in the J-27 index well measured 839.8 feet above mean sea level on April 6.

The city of Uvalde has not yet released updated water restrictions and enforcement guidelines in light of the EAA announcement.

See the Uvalde Leader-News rainfall chart for the years 1904-2023 here: [www.uvaldeleadernews.com/rainfall-chart/](http://www.uvaldeleadernews.com/rainfall-chart/)

Uvalde Pool critical period stage image courtesy of the Edwards Aquifer Authority

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