

GARDEN COLUMN

Be mindful of drought conditions while gardening

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For The Spokesman

Drought is a harsh word for farmers and gardeners to hear. We were reminded that drought conditions are here in Central Oregon with the recent startling news reports that three major reservoirs are in peril.

Conserving water, not considering the impending drought-impacted restrictions, should be a prime concern of all who choose to live in Central Oregon. It should be simple to understand: We live at a high desert elevation.

According to a U.S. Drought Monitor map issued on May 18, 2021, most of Central Oregon registers as being in D2 (Severe Drought) to D3 (Extreme Drought). Parts of Lake and Klamath Counties are in D4 (Exceptional Drought) conditions.

My mind can't help automatically reverting to the TV of the 70s and "So—whatcha gonna do bout it?"

There's nothing we can do to prevent a drought but there are some strategies we can enact

that will help minimize the toll it takes on your landscape.

Start by monitoring the irrigation system and where the water goes. Is part of the water going down the driveway or sidewalk? Maybe redirecting a few sprinkler heads would eliminate the runoff. Can you change the timing of your system to irrigate a shorter time span?

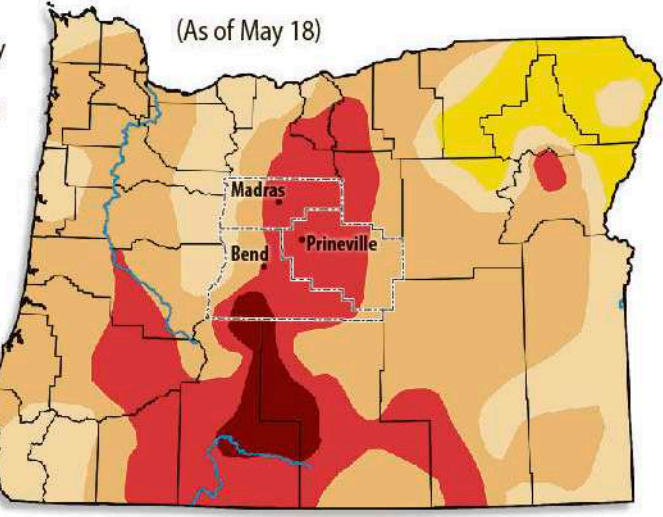
Be sure you know what the watering regulations are for your city. My neighborhood is in an irrigation district. Rather than being on regulated irrigating hours, the irrigation should be done early in the morning or early evening when the heat of the day has passed and evaporation has lessened.

Mulching is one of the best things you can do for your garden. A 2- to 3-inch mulch covering your garden can block weed growth, keep the soil moist and as it decays will feed both the soil and the plants growing in it. A general rule of thumb is that mulches and compost are held back approximately about an inch from

Drought conditions exist across much of Oregon but are especially severe in Central Oregon, where Deschutes County is experiencing its driest spring in 127 years.



Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Alan Kenaga/For The Bulletin



Become familiar with the native plants that grow well in our area. "Selecting native plants for home landscapes in Central Oregon" publication EC 1623 from the Oregon State University Extension Service. Here's some food for thought—In England sagebrush is considered an exotic ornamental. Why not in Central Oregon?

The list of drought-resistant herbs includes most of the common cooking herbs on a shopping list. Chives, garlic and onion are excellent choices for low-water gardens.

Additional low-water herbs include lovage which has a celery-like flavor. I plan to add a container of lovage to my unheated greenhouse for winter use as a substitute for buying celery, of which half usually ends up in the compost bin. Oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage and thyme are low-water common cooking herbs that are also easy to dry in the microwave.

It can be exciting to meet new challenges and realize you aren't part of the problem.

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the base of the plant. The most popular mulches are organic commercial mulches.

For years we have read that pine needles acidify the soil. A two-year study of mulching with pine needles showed the pH of the soil was the same as the reading two years prior. They may not look as pretty but you'll have to admit they are cost-effective. It is helpful to stop fertil-

izing. Let's admit it — we are far too generous when instead we should be more aware of enriching the soil. Fertilizers encourage plant growth; the more a plant grows, the more moisture it needs.

Removing spent blooms before they have a chance to set seed saves energy for your plants. The plants don't need to put energy (which they need water for) into producing seeds.

It might not be fun at the best of times, but getting those weeds out of the garden is especially important during drought. The reason: Weeds' roots steal valuable moisture from the soil. Mark your calendar, June 13, 2021, has been declared National Weed Your Garden Day.

If you are looking to plan a more drought-tolerant garden you might consider some of the following.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable. For more information, call 541-548-2185.

Redmond Police Department

May 24
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 9:46 a.m. in the 2500 block of SW 45th Street.
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 11:17 a.m. in the 600 block of NE Hemlock Avenue, and an arrest made. The suspect was charged with forgery and theft by deception.
5:10 p.m. in the 63400 block of N. U.S. Highway 97, and three arrests made. One suspect was also charged with reckless driving and giving false information to police.
6:20 p.m. in the 3200 block of SW Pumice Place.
Vehicle crash — An accident was reported at 4:32 p.m. in the 1700 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.
May 25
Burglary — A burglary was reported at 2:15 a.m. in the area of NE Kingwood Avenue and NE 17th Street.

Theft — A theft was reported at 3:25 p.m. in the 900 block of SW Veterans Way, and an arrest made.
Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 5:38 a.m. in the 2400 block of SW 23rd Street.
May 26
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 9:54 a.m. in the 100 block of NW Sixth Street.
8:57 a.m. in the 700 block of SW Fifth Street, and an arrest made. The suspect was charged with driving while suspended or with a revoked license.
3:48 p.m. in the 4200 block of SW Tommy Armour Lane.
Vehicle crashes — Noninjury accidents were reported at: 7:40 p.m. in the area of SW Glacier Avenue and SW Sixth Street.
9:20 p.m. in the 300 block of SW Seventh Street.
May 27
Burglary — Burglaries were reported at: 5:51 p.m. in the 800 block of NW Canyon Drive.
6:15 p.m. in the 1200 block of SW Veterans Way.
Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 9:59 a.m. in the 2100 block of SW 19th Street.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 1:40 p.m. in the 1300 block of SW Kalama Avenue.
2:27 p.m. in the 900 block of SW Veterans Way.
4:50 p.m. in the 800 block of SW Rimrock Way.
10:34 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.
May 28
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 4:37 p.m. in the area of SW 11th Street and SW Highland Avenue.
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 11:56 a.m. in the 1500 block of SW 21st Place.
4:53 p.m. in the 6700 block of SW Valley View Road.
Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 12:24 p.m. in the 800 block of SW 26th Court.
May 29
DUII — Emma Leigh Kuhlman, 21, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 12:52 a.m. following a report of a hit and run in the area of SW Pumice Avenue and SW Canal Boulevard, and was also charged with reckless driving and hit and run property damage.
Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was

reported at 7:31 p.m. in the area of SW Sixth Street and SW Forest Avenue.
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 4:36 p.m. in the area of NW 15th Street and NW Spruce Avenue.
4:43 p.m. in the 2600 block of NW Eighth Street.
Vehicle crash — A noninjury accident was reported at 6:04 p.m. in the area of SW Fifth Street and SW Glacier Avenue.
May 30
Burglary — A burglary was reported at 9:36 p.m. in the 500 block of SW Fourth Street.
Thefts — Thefts were reported at: 5:30 a.m. in the 2500 block of NE Ninth Street.
11:23 a.m. in the 1400 block of SW 27th Street.
8:33 p.m. in the 2900 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.
8:46 p.m. in the 800 block of SW 17th Street.
Vehicle crash — An accident was reported at 10:46 a.m. in the 2900 block of S. U.S. Highway 97.

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3:34 p.m. Gas leak (natural gas or LPG), 3400 NW Dogwood Ave.
May 25
5:35 p.m. Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator, 912 SE Salmon Ave.
6:43 p.m. Extrication, rescue, other, 1575 SW Reindeer Ave.
8:04 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, other, 6693 SW 67th St.
May 26
1:16 p.m. Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident, 10087 NE Crooked River Dr., Terrebonne.
May 28
9:54 a.m. High-angle rescue, 10087 NE Crooked River Dr., Terrebonne.
10:18 a.m. Motor vehicle accident, noninjury, 2250 S. U.S. Highway 97.
May 29
12:45 p.m. Motor vehicle accident with injury, in the area of SW Helmholtz Way.
May 30
6:35 p.m. Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire, 137 NW Antler Loop.
May 24-30: 85 Medical aid or transfer calls

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Fill in the grid so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, with no repeats.

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MEDIUM # 13

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WEATHER

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	62	37	PM Rain
Thursday	68	44	Sunny
Friday	67	45	Cloudy
Saturday	75	50	Cloudy
Sunday	81	52	Partly cloudy
Monday	82	51	Sunny
Tuesday	78	46	Sunny

LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, May 31	89	46	0
Tuesday, June 1	97*	51	0
Wednesday, June 2	99*	52	0.02
Thursday, June 3	92	54	0
Friday, June 4	86	46	0
Saturday, June 5	69	38	0
Sunday, June 6	65	31	0

Precipitation to date this year: 1.95 inches
* = daily record
National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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