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# UT turns off fountains to conserve water

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You won't see any of the fountains running on the University of Texas campus.



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The fountain on UT's  
Main Mall was off  
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The City of Austin says UT is working with the city during the recently enacted Stage 2 water restrictions. As a result, the university has turned off the fountains and is following the city's landscape watering schedule in most areas.

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UT says it's only watering recreation fields twice a week instead of six.

"By updating thousands of plumbing fixtures in 2008, we are saving 60 million gallons of water annually, he said. Replacing Memorial Stadium turf with artificial turf has reduced stadium water usage by about 80 percent compared to the previous year," said Steven Kraal, senior associate vice president for the university Office of Campus Planning & Facilities Management, in a news release.

The city says UT has been using water conservation methods that also include recovery and reuse. As a result, the campus has cut annual water use by 47 percent since 1980.