

Mandatory Water Conservation Actions:

- Mow lawns to 2 inches or more and leave clippings (higher cut encourages grass roots to grow deeper to hold soil moisture better than closely clipped lawn.).
- Use mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
- Aerate lawn to reduce evaporation.
- Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. Fertilizer applications increase the need for water. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water-insoluble forms of nitrogen.
- Place rain barrels under gutter downspouts to collect water for plants, car washing, or general cleaning projects.
- Plant native or dry-loving (xeric) plants in landscaping.
- Do not use the garbage disposal.
- Use automatic dishwasher only when load is full.
- Limit showers to 5 to 10 mins / day / person.
- Avoid running water to get cold temp, keep a pitcher of cold water in fridge.
- Wrap hot water heater and pipes with insulating material.
- Install faucet aerators.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, walks and patios.
- Do not wash hard surfaces or buildings.
- Turn off ornamental fountains or other such structures, unless the water is recycled.
- Reduce lawn watering to no more than 2 times a week, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Reduce vegetable garden watering by watering only when needed, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- Apply water directly to plants by using soil-soakers or drip irrigation. Avoid use of sprinklers.
- Do not plant new landscaping or grass.

The following non-essential water uses will be prohibited during periods of declared drought emergencies.

1. Unrestricted non-commercial watering (public or private)

Lawn Irrigation Exceptions-

- Newly sodded and seeded areas may be irrigated to establish cover on bare ground at the minimum rate necessary for no more than a period of 60 days. Irrigation rates may not exceed one inch of applied water in any 7 day period. Consider delaying seeding or sodding of new lawns.
- Gardens, bedding plants, trees, shrubs and other landscape materials may be watered with hand held containers not exceeding three (3) gallons in capacity. Watering may be done between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to avoid the heat of the day. Do not use sprinklers.

Golf Course Irrigation Exceptions-

- Tees and greens may be irrigated between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the minimum rate necessary.
- Fairways may be irrigated between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the minimum rate necessary not to exceed one inch of applied water in any ten-day period.
- All allowed golf course irrigation must be applied in a manner to assure that no runoff, puddling or excessive watering occurs.

Athletic Field Irrigation Exceptions-

- Athletic fields may be irrigated between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. at a rate not to exceed one inch per application or more than a total of one inch in multiple applications during any ten-day period. All irrigation water must fall on playing surfaces with no outlying areas receiving irrigation water directly from irrigation heads.
- Athletic fields may be irrigated between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. during necessary overseeding, sprigging or resodding operations at the minimum rate necessary for a period that does not exceed 60 days. Irrigation rates during this restoration period may not exceed one inch of applied water in any seven-day period.
- All allowed athletic field irrigation must be applied in a manner to assure that no runoff, puddling or excessive watering occurs.
- Irrigation is prohibited on athletic fields that are not scheduled for use within the next 120-day period.

2. Use of Fire Hydrants

Exceptions-

- Except for necessary governmental operations such as firefighting, health protection purposes, or certain testing and drills by the fire department as approved by the local government or waterworks operator

3. Washing of paved surfaces such as streets, roads, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts, and patios; flushing of sewers and hydrants

Exceptions-

- Surfaces may be washed with hand held containers not exceeding three (3) gallons in capacity. Washing should not occur during the heat of the day.
- As needed to ensure public health and safety, and approved by the local government or waterworks operator

4. Washing or cleaning of mobile equipment including automobiles, trucks, trailers and boats

Exceptions-

- Mobile equipment may be washed at car washes that utilize reclaimed water as part of the wash process or reduce water consumption by at least 10% when compared to a similar period when water use restrictions were not in effect. Any facility operating a reclaimed water system must prominently display, in public view, a sign stating that such a recycling system is in operation.
- Mobile equipment may be washed using hand held containers not exceeding three (3) gallons in capacity or hand held hoses equipped with automatic shutoff devices provided that no mobile equipment is washed more than once per calendar month and the minimum amount of water is utilized.
- Automobile dealers and rental agencies may wash cars that are in inventory no more than once per week utilizing hand held containers not exceeding three (3) gallons in capacity, hoses equipped with automatic shutoff devices, automated equipment that utilizes reclaimed water as part of the wash process, or automated equipment where water consumption is reduced by at least 10% when compared to a similar period when water use restrictions were not in effect.

5. Use of water for the operation of ornamental fountains, artificial waterfalls, misting machines, and reflecting pools

Exceptions-

- Fountains and other means of aeration necessary to support aquatic life are permitted.

6. Filling and topping off outdoor swimming pools

Exceptions-

- Newly built or repaired pools may be filled to protect their structural integrity.
- Outdoor pools operated by commercial ventures, community associations, recreation associations, and similar institutions open to the public may be refilled as long as:
 - Levels are maintained at mid-skimmer depth or lower,
 - Any visible leaks are immediately repaired,
 - Backwashing occurs only when necessary to assure proper filter operation,
 - Deck areas are washed no more than once per calendar month (except where chemical spills or other health hazards occur),
 - All water features (other than slides) that increase losses due to evaporation are eliminated, and
 - Slides are turned off when the pool is not in operation.
 - Swimming pools operated by health care facilities used in relation to patient care and rehabilitation may be filled or topped off.

7. Serving of water in restaurants, clubs, or eating-places

Exceptions-

- May only be allowed at the specific request of the customer