



CITY OF PALMDALE

Mandatory Water Conservation

Los Angeles County Waterworks District Customers

Due to severely dry conditions, Governor Brown has declared a drought emergency for California requesting all residents to reduce water usage by at least 20 percent. On July 15, 2014, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) adopted new water conservation regulations for all of California prohibiting the use of potable water to:

- water outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property or street, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways or driveways, parking lots, or structures
- wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle
- water driveways and sidewalks
- operate a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system
- **water outdoor landscape more than three (3) days per week**

On July 22, 2014, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of these regulations effective August 1st. For the latest information from the State on drought regulations, please visit [SWRCB's Emergency Water Conservation website](#).

To report water wasting within LA County Waterworks Districts, please call 877/637-3661.

Source: <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/Conservation/Drought-2014.aspx>

Palmdale Water District Customers

On May 27, 2015, the Palmdale Water District Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution implementing a Stage 3 emergency drought water conservation initiative. Since Governor Brown's emergency water conservation proclamation and the State Water Resources Control Board directive that all communities reduce water consumption to achieve the 25% statewide mandatory reduction was enacted, the Palmdale Water District service area must reduce water consumption by 32% by February 28, 2016 or face penalties totaling \$10,000 per day for non-compliance.



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Beginning June 1, 2015, the following water conservation regulations are now in effect:

- Primary use of water is for domestic use, sanitation, fire prevention, and public health & safety
- No hose washing of hard-scape surfaces (i.e. sidewalks, walkways, buildings, walls, patios, parking areas, etc.)
- Hard-scape spraying is only permitted to eliminate conditions that are hazardous to public safety or to prepare a surface for architectural coating or painting
- Vehicle washing is permitted using an automatic shutoff nozzle attached to the hose
- The Palmdale Water District highly recommends not washing vehicles or going to a commercial car wash that uses recycled water
- Decorative fountains are not permitted unless the water used is within a closed recycling system
- Water will not be served at any public business where food is sold unless specifically requested by the patron
- Public businesses that sell food will display this restriction
- All indoor/outdoor water leaks will be repaired by the user within 1 week
- Watering of outdoor lawns is restricted to two (2) days (Wednesdays and Saturdays) ONLY
- Outdoor watering is not permitted between the hours of 10 am – 6 pm
- Any water found running off property from outdoor watering is considered water waste and is subject to penalty
- Potable water is not permitted to irrigate turf located on public street medians
- Outdoor irrigation of new home construction and buildings is not permitted unless drip irrigation or micro-spray is used
- Outdoor watering is prohibited after measurable rainfall has been recorded for 48 hours
- Golf courses, commercial nurseries, parks, school yards, public open space, and public landscaped areas will not water more than the permitted 2 days per week (Wednesdays and Saturdays) and between the hours of 6 am – 6 pm
- No public watering restrictions are applied to those areas using reclaimed water
- Athletic fields are permitted to be watered between the hours of 6 pm – 10 am with no restrictions on watering days
- Residential vegetable gardens are permitted to be watered once daily

Notice a misuse or waste of water? Please call the District's Water Waste Hotline at 661/456-1099, email: waste@palmdalewater.org, or use the online form found at www.palmdalewater.org