



WATER USE RESTRICTIONS EVERYONE MAKES A DIFFERENCE



CITY MANDATED WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

The State's latest Emergency Regulations require a **mandatory 20% reduction in potable water use for the City's water users**, from June 2015 through February 2016. The City urges everyone to reduce water use, **particularly non-essential outdoor irrigation**, by putting into action the City's Water Use Restrictions provided below.

Landscape Irrigation

- Irrigation with potable water is **only** permitted as follows:
 - **Watering Hours:** Between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. PST
 - **Watering Duration:** No more than 6 minutes per station
 - **Watering Days:**
 - **May to Sept.:** No more than 3 days per week
 - **Oct. to April:** No more than 2 days per week
 - Street addresses ending in even numbers: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Saturdays
 - Street addresses ending in odd numbers: Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays
- Exceptions: Watering hours of 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. PST may be exceeded when a hand-held watering container or drip irrigation system is used, or for the sole purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system



- **Irrigation Runoff:** Irrigation runoff from incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers, or excessive watering is prohibited
- **Irrigation During Rainfall:** No potable water landscape irrigation during and within 48 hours after rainfall

Exterior Washing

- **Buildings, Facilities, and Motor Vehicles:** Washing with potable water is prohibited except by use of a handheld bucket or hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle
- **Hardscape:** No wash down of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, patios, or other hardscape areas except to alleviate fire, sanitation, or health hazards

Ornamental and Recreational Use

- **Swimming Pools and Spas:** Filling/refilling is discouraged and only permitted between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. PST
- **Decorative Water Features:** Use of potable water in decorative fountains and features (i.e. ponds) is prohibited except when recirculating systems are used

Indoor and Other Use

- **Eating and Drinking Establishments:** No serving of water unless requested
- **Hotels/Motels:** Provide guests the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and shall display notice of this option in each room
- **Leaks:** Repair as soon as discovered and not later than 48-hours after finding

Compliance and Enforcement

- The state has made non-compliance an infraction punishable by a fine up to \$500 per day

Water Conservation Tips, Rebates, and Additional Information?

Please visit us at www.downeyca.org and click on the Water Conservation caption under the rotating slides for information on water rebates and tips. For other questions, please call the Public Works Utilities Division at 562-904-7202.

