



INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

STATE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

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As we are all aware, California is in the midst of a severe drought. In response, the State of California has issued a series of emergency regulations to promote water conservation. These regulations are directed at industry, commerce, agriculture, institutions, water suppliers and finally, us, the water consumers, also known as the “end users”.

REQUIRED OF ALL RESIDENTIAL END-USERS:

- No outdoor irrigation such that water runs off the property.
- No washing of driveways, sidewalks or parking areas
- No outdoor irrigation during and within 48 hours after measurable precipitation.
- No decorative water features unless there is recirculation.
- No washing of vehicles unless hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
- Any new landscaping must use drip irrigation or microspray.
- No water waste caused by easily correctible leaks, breaks or malfunctions.
- No use of potable water for construction purposes.
- **RESTAURANTS:** May only serve water to customers on request.
- **HOTELS/MOTELS:** Must provide guests with option to decline daily washing of linens and towels.



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR END-USERS SUPPLIED WATER BY A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM:

If your residence is supplied potable water from a public water system, then your water supplier, and you, as end-user, are subject to additional conservation requirements. A public water system, as defined by the State, serves at least 15 residences, or at least 25 persons for the majority of the year. If you are unsure of your water system status, please contact them. The State is requiring public water systems to meet their water conservation mandates by either (1) reducing total water consumption by at least 25%, or (2) reduce outside irrigation of ornamental turf and landscaping to a maximum of two days a week. It is anticipated that most water companies will select option (2), above, however, please contact your local water company to determine the additional specific water conservation measures it has adopted for it's customers.

These measures are the minimum requirements designated by the State. There are many other measures we can all take to help conserve water. Make sure all fixtures in your house are low-flow, and fix any leaks that you may have. Conversion of water intensive landscaping to drought resistant plants is also recommended.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in helping to conserve water.

This information is being transmitted by the County of Inyo on behalf of all local water suppliers and the State of California to ensure all water users are aware of these changes in State law. For additional information, please refer to the State Drought website at

<http://ca.gov/drought/>