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Public Works News Release

State Removes 25% Water Conservation Requirement

The State of California has removed the requirement that City of Bishop water users reduce water use by 25%. While it removed this primary water conservation requirement, the state left other requirements in place. The state had implemented water conservation requirements last year in response to the drought. The state is relaxing some requirements due to more precipitation last winter.

To meet the 25% requirement, Bishop had limited watering to only between 5 pm and 9 am. Since the state has eliminated the 25% requirement and since City of Bishop water sources are relatively unaffected by the drought, City of Bishop water users are free to water at any time during the day. Watering during cooler times would still be suggested because watering during those times is more efficient and probably better for your plants.

The state left the following water conservation requirements in place:

- No outdoor irrigation such that water runs off irrigated area
- No outdoor irrigation during and within 48 hours after precipitation
- No washing vehicles unless hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle
- No washing driveways, sidewalks, and parking areas
- No decorative water features unless there is recirculation
- Landscaping for new homes must follow state requirements

The city has a standing water conservation incentive program available to help its water customers save water. The program provides free hose nozzles, hose timers, and irrigation system timers and provides rebates for some sprinkler systems and water

conserving appliances. The incentives are available only to water customers of the City of Bishop and are limited to one per customer account. Also, quantities of the free items are limited.

Also remember that landscaping needs less water now than in the heat of the summer. Tailor your watering to the needs of the plants and lawn to avoid overwatering.

Saving water saves money, reduces water rates, protects groundwater, and is the right thing to do. Contact the City of Bishop Department of Public Works at 873-8458 for more information on water conservation and the City's water system.