



## Do's and Don'ts of Recycled Water Use

There are specific provisions in the Requirements for Recycled Water Users that must be followed when installing and operating a recycled water system. Each Site Supervisor must be familiar with the entire on-site recycled water system and with applicable regulations.

Some general practices to follow are:

### **Do's:**

- Educate/train operations personnel on the safe use and restrictions of recycled water.
- Install and maintain signs at all points of entry (pedestrian and vehicular).
- Install and maintain labels and tags on recycled water and potable water systems.
- Use quick couplers instead of hose bibs.
- Operate irrigation system:
  - Between 10 p.m. – 6 a.m., if automatically controlled (unless other restrictions apply).
  - At other times, if manually controlled and supervised (someone present) to make sure the recycled water doesn't come in contact with the public.
  - At any time, if public access to the reuse site is restricted.
- Prevent runoff from reuse sites due to over-spray from sprinklers, overflow of ponds that contain recycled water, over watering, or broken sprinklers or irrigation lines.
- Quickly repair any breaks in recycled water irrigation or distribution lines and broken sprinklers.
- Be familiar with all of the notification requirements if any of the following has occurred:
  - A recycled water line break, spill, or off-site discharge of recycled water.
  - A noncompliance of the Districts' Requirements for Recycled Water Users or recycled water permits.
  - A cross-connection between the recycled water and potable water systems.
- Schedule all required backflow prevention and cross-connection testing.
- Assist and cooperate during periodic backflow prevention and cross-connection testing.
- Develop an Emergency Cross-Connection Response Plan.
- Assist and cooperate during periodic site inspections conducted by the District.
- Thoroughly wash tools used for the recycled water system if used for the potable water system.
- Contact the District if any water system (recycled or potable) modifications are anticipated.
- Keep records and as-built drawings up-to-date and accessible.
- Submit all required information and reports.

### **Don'ts:**

- Don't drink recycled water.
- Don't use recycled water to wash hands or any other part of body.
- Don't remove recycled water identification signs, tags, or labels.
- Don't cross-connect two dissimilar water systems (recycled to potable).
- Don't allow recycled water to contact drinking fountains or eating areas.
- Don't allow recycled water to pond or puddle.
- Don't use recycled water on an unauthorized site or for an unapproved use.
- Don't put hose bibs on recycled water systems (unless public access is restricted).
- Don't use the same equipment on both recycled water and potable water systems (for example, quick couplers, etc.).
- Don't significantly modify the recycled water system without prior approval from Rowland Water District.