

NEW ORDINANCE PROHIBITS WASTING WATER IN THE ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT SERVICE ARE



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Because California is in a continuing water shortage, not simply a drought, the District encourages its customers to use water efficiently, even during times of adequate supplies, and the following water conservation practices are recommended at all times:

- ◆ No watering or irrigation of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Eliminate watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape or other vegetated area in a manner that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter or ditch.
- ◆ Washing down of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or alleys should only be done using a bucket or hand-held hose equipped with self-closing water shut-off device, a low volume, high-pressure cleaning machine, or a low volume high-pressure water broom.
- ◆ Repair all plumbing and irrigation leaks and/or breaks as soon as reasonably possible.
- ◆ No restaurant, hotel, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold or served shall provide drinking water to any customer unless specifically requested to do so.
- ◆ Hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments should offer customers the option of not having towels and linens laundered daily and should display a notice of this option in each bathroom using clear and easily understood language.

In May, the Rowland Water District Board of Directors approved an Ordinance establishing a water conservation and water shortage contingency plan.

A *Level 1 Water Supply Shortage* has been declared in the Rowland Water District service area requiring mandatory minimum 10% water use restrictions commencing July 1, 2009. In addition to the foregoing conservation measures, the following water conservation requirements apply during a declared

Level 1 Water Supply Shortage:

- ◆ Watering or irrigation of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to three days per week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Irrigation by hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing shut-off nozzle, drip irrigation type irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than 2 gallons per hour, or hand-held bucket or similar container is permitted.
- ◆ All leaks, breaks and malfunctions in the customer's plumbing must be repaired within 72 hours of discovery. Failure to repair a leak or break within 72 hours of notification by the District will constitute a violation.
- ◆ Potable water used on a temporary basis for construction and dust control is limited to quantity described in the plan submitted by the user which describes water use requirements.
- ◆ Use of water from fire hydrants is limited to fire fighting or activities necessary to maintain public health, safety and welfare.
- ◆ Metered water use in excess of the mandatory 10% reduction, will be billed at a penalty rate of \$2.52 per hcf, in addition to the water usage charge.

Violation of the Ordinance is subject to a written warning for the first violation and is punishable by a fine of up to \$200.00 for subsequent violations.

To report overwatering or runoff, or for more information about water conservation, contact us at (562) 697-1726. Visit our website at www.rowlandwater.com to view a complete version of the Ordinance.

Please do your part to conserve!

