

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

2020 WATER YEAR

EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2020 through FEBRUARY 28, 2021

OUTSIDE WATERING ALLOWED 2 DAYS PER WEEK!

The District's water allocation for water year 2020 is 20% less than what was ordered, therefore, the District is instituting a slightly more rigid water conservation program than last year. Outside watering will only be allowed two days per week and customers will need a swimming pool permit to fill swimming pools. The following are the conservation rules for 2020.

- Outside watering will be allowed two days per week.
- No outside watering on Monday, Thursday and Friday.
- No outside watering between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.
- Metered Residential and Romero School outside watering days are Tuesday and Saturday.
- Commercial Businesses and Mobile Home Park outside watering days are Wednesday and Sunday.
- No misters allowed.
- No new in-ground swimming pools, new ornamental ponds or new fountains are allowed.
- Existing in-ground swimming pools shall not be drained and refilled between June 1 and September 1. A permit is required to drain and refill before June 1 and after September 1. Permit applications may be obtained in the administration office. In-ground pools are permitted to maintain water levels.
- Above-ground swimming pools of more than 2000 gallons are allowed, but will require a permit for filling and draining, and may only be drained and refilled once between June 1 and September 1. Draining should be on grass or in flower beds, in place of outside watering. Permit applications may be obtained in the administration office. Above-ground pools are permitted to maintain water levels.
- Portable swimming pools for children between 500 and 1999 gallons shall be filled only on watering days. Draining should be on grass or in flower beds in place of outside watering.
- Small portable pools for children or pets, less than 500 gallons, shall be filled every other day, and drained on grass or in flower beds in place of outside watering.
- New plantings such as flowers, shrubs and trees may be watered every day before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm.
- Water is not allowed to run when not in use.

State Mandatory Regulations

Article 22.5, Drought Emergency Water Conservation, Sec. 864, End-User Requirements:

To prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by state or federal agency.

- No application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- No use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
- No application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks.
- No use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- No application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
- No serving of drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments, including, but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
- No irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians; and
- The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Failure to follow the above schedule and regulations will result in fines and water shut off. The following schedule will be strictly enforced:

- First Offense: written warning.
- Second Offense: \$25.00 penalty fee added to water bill.
- Third Offense: \$50.00 penalty fee added to water bill.
- Fourth Offense: \$75.00 penalty fee added to water bill and shut off of water services. Upon shut off: full payment of all fees, including current and past due water and sewer charges, outstanding penalty fees and a reconnection fee of \$125.00 for water reinstatement.

It is very important that every member of the community do their part to reduce water usage by adhering to the water conservation program outside watering schedule and restrictions. By working together, we can reduce the amount of water we use to prevent the District from running out of water. The District will continue to monitor raw water pumping and treated water usage to ensure that there is adequate water supply for every single customer in Santa Nella. We continue to be committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water to the community of Santa Nella.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at (209) 826-0920.