

SANTA NELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM
2021 WATER YEAR
EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2021 through FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The state is currently experiencing ongoing dry conditions in most of California watersheds and the District has been advised to prepare for drought impacts. The District's surface water allocation is 48% less than what was requested, and 15% less than the previous water year allocation. To help the District from completely running out of water, outside watering will only be allowed one day per week during the warmer months.

**COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 5
AND HIGHWAY 33 CROSSING**

**OUTSIDE WATERING IS ALLOWED ONLY ONE DAY PER WEEK
between APRIL 9, 2021 and SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

- South Commercial Businesses outside watering day is **Wednesday between 4:00 am and 8:00 am AND between 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm.** Outside watering for South businesses is not allowed on any other day or at any other time.
- No washing down of driveways or buildings, including mobile homes or trailers.
- **CAR WASHING IS NOT ALLOWED, except under one condition:** Vehicles may be washed on watering days only between 4:00 am – 8:00 am and 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm, must be washed on the grass with an automatic shut-off nozzle on the hose, and in place of outside watering.
- No misters are allowed.
- Restaurants will only serve drinking water upon request.
- Hotels and motels, or any other facility offering lodging shall post a notice of drought conditions in each room, asking customers to practice water conservation by reducing laundering of towels and sheets, and limiting showers to no more than five (5) minutes.
- Truck stops with showers shall post a notice of drought conditions on each shower asking customers to practice water conservation by limiting showers to no more than five (5) minutes.
- The District strongly discourages new plantings including, but not limited to, grass, flowers, shrubs and trees, to conserve water for health and safety use only.
- The use of hand watering with an automatic shut-off nozzle is encouraged. Water is not allowed to run when not in use. Customers should consider abandoning the use of automatic sprinklers to conserve water. Customers may use bath or dishwater for outside watering at any time. (Gray water)

- **No FILLING of new in-ground pools, new ornamental ponds or new fountains. Existing in-ground pools may maintain water levels.**
- Existing non-recirculating, fountains are not allowed and shall be turned off. Existing recirculating fountains are permitted and may maintain water levels.
- No FILLING of above ground swimming pools over 4000 gallons (14' x 42' maximum). Pools 1001 to 4000 gallons may be drained and filled twice between June 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021 but only on watering days. Pools must be drained on grass or in flower beds in place of outside watering. A permit is required. Permits can be obtained at the District office.
- Small portable pools for children or pets, less than 1000 gallons, shall be filled every other day and must be drained on grass or in flower beds in place of outside watering.

NO OUTSIDE WATERING ALLOWED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022. This includes grass and landscape on public medians.

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: \$50.00 penalty fee added to water bill.
- Third Offense: \$100.00 penalty fee added to water bill.
- Fourth Offense: \$200.00 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 through September 30, 2021 and then no watering outside during the fall and winter months. The District continues 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.