



OVERVIEW of STATE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

California is in its fourth year of below average rainfall. On January 17, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency in California due to severe drought conditions. On April 1, 2015, the Governor issued the fourth in a series of Executive Orders on actions necessary to address these severe drought conditions. The April 1 Executive Order requires, for the first time in the State's history, mandatory conservation of potable urban water use. The restrictions apply to every person in the state, no matter where your water comes from. Based on the Executive Order, the following are not allowed:

- Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways;
- Allowing runoff when irrigating with potable water;
- Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars;
- Using potable water in decorative water features that do not recirculate the water;
- Irrigating outdoors during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall;
- Irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians;
- Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not in accordance with emergency regulations or other requirements established in the California Building Standards Code is prohibited.
- Restaurants serving water to their customers unless the customer requests it.

Additional drinking water restrictions also apply to residents of Santa Cruz County. To confirm the restrictions where you live, review your water agency's page in this guidebook. If you are on a well or small water system, check the County's restrictions.

Depending on where you live, the following may apply to you:

- Prohibition of any wasteful use of water
- Watering days
- Watering times
- Water rationing
- Plumbing fixture retrofit at time of resale

Check with your water agency or the County to determine what rules apply to you.



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