



Oceanside Lifts Level 2 Mandatory Water-Use Restrictions

The drought may be over but continued water-wise practices still encouraged

The City of Oceanside is eliminating Level Two Mandatory Water Use Restrictions due to extraordinary conservation efforts, above-average snow packs and high reservoir-storage levels. We thank our customers for their tremendous water-saving efforts that reduced water use by more than 13 percent.

The remarkable water-saving efforts by residents and businesses allowed the City to avoid implementing drought rates that would have increased water prices. The change from a Level Two to a Level One water use stage does not affect current water rates, but continuing to use water efficiently will keep water bills low.

Water is a precious resource and the City encourages customers to continue using water wisely because it is the right thing to do.

The following Level One guidelines are now in effect.

- Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. *
- Repair all water leaks within five days of notification by the City.
- No washing down of paved surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, and patios, except for removing safety or sanitary hazards.
- Stop water waste from inefficient landscape irrigation.
- Use a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle or a bucket to water landscaped areas not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
- Wash vehicles at a commercial car wash or use a bucket or hose with a shut-off nozzle. Avoid washing during hot conditions when increased evaporation requires more water. (Washing a car on a lawn or permeable surface will prevent polluted water from running down the storm drain and into the ocean.)
- Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
- Serve and refill water in restaurants only on request.
- Offer hotel guests the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.

* Nursery and commercial growers may water any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle, bucket, or drip irrigation system.