



City of Oceanside

Drought Response Level 1 – Drought Watch Condition GUIDELINES

The following level one guidelines are now in effect (Ordinance No. 08-OR0439-1, Section 37.106):

1. A Drought Response Level 1 condition is also referred to as a “Drought Watch” condition. A Level 1 condition applies when the Water Authority notifies its member agencies that due to drought or other supply reductions, there is a reasonable probability there will be supply shortages and that a consumer demand reduction of up to 10 percent is required in order to ensure that sufficient supplies will be available to meet anticipated demands. The Water Utilities Director shall declare the existence of a Drought Response Level 1 and take action to implement the Level 1 conservation practices identified in this ordinance.
2. During a Level 1 Drought Watch condition, the City of Oceanside will increase its public education and outreach efforts to emphasize increased public awareness of the need to implement the following water conservation practices.
 - a. Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
 - b. Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
 - c. Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. only.
 - d. Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
 - e. Irrigate nursery and commercial grower’s products before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.
 - f. Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
 - g. Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.
 - h. Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
 - i. Offer guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
 - j. Repair all water leaks within five (5) days of notification by the City of Oceanside unless other arrangements are made with the Water Utilities Director.