



Record-breaking high temperatures and increasing statewide drops in water reserves continue as California's water supply situation becomes more serious with each passing day. On March 17, Governor Brown announced State Drought Emergency Actions which asks all Californians to continue to cut water use as much as possible as we enter our fourth consecutive dry year. Sierra snowpack is at about 16% of normal - the lowest average snowpack for this time of year on record dating back to the 1950s. Level 2 drought restrictions answer the important question of **"What do I need to do?"**

**Irrigation:**

- **IMPORTANT!** Effective immediately, irrigation of turf or ornamental landscapes is prohibited during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation.
- Limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to a maximum of 3 days/week (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays) for no more than 10 minutes or less in the early morning or late evening. (Landscape irrigation for public agencies is limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)

*\*does not apply to systems using water efficient devices including weather-based controllers, drip/micro/irrigation systems or stream rotor sprinklers and does not apply to commercial growers or nurseries.*

- Use a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle to water landscapes with no irrigation system
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent runoff or overspray
- Repair broken sprinkler nozzles and irrigation leaks

**Washing:**

- Sweep paved surfaces such as sidewalks or driveways; do not use a hose.
- Wash vehicles using a bucket and hand-held hose equipped with positive shut-off nozzle (a professional car wash is preferred to keep pollutants out of storm drains).

**Leaks:**

- Repair all indoor and outdoor leaks within 72 hours.

**Fountains:**

- Stop operation of ornamental fountains unless recycled water is used.

**Hotels and Restaurants:**

- Restaurants and other food service establishments serve water only upon request.
- Operators of hotels and motels provide guests the option not to have towels and linens laundered daily.

**Simple water-savings investments could save you gallons of water per day**

	Rebate Amount	Water Savings
Turf Removal	\$2/ sq. ft.	42 gallons/sq. ft./year
Smart Irrigation Controllers	\$80/controller	13,500 gallons/year
Soil Moisture Sensor Systems	\$80/sensor	4,200 gallons/station/year
Rain Barrels	\$75/barrel	600 gallons/year
Rotating Irrigation Nozzles	\$4/nozzle	Uses 20% less water than conventional sprinkler heads
High Efficiency Clothes Washer	\$85 from MWD + \$50 from SDG&E	20-30 gallons/load
High Efficiency Toilet	\$100/toilet	2.2-3.8 gallons/flush

Rebates offered at [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com) and [www.sdge.com/rebates](http://www.sdge.com/rebates)

**Free California-friendly Landscape Workshop**

The El Corazon Senior Center will be the venue for the popular California-friendly Landscape Workshop in October. Participants will learn six ways to become a more waterwise gardener during this free, information-packed presentation. Topics will cover "Right Plant, Right Place", "Using Rainwater as a Resource" and "Managing Irrigation". Bring your landscape questions to these gardening experts! Attendance is FREE but seating is limited. Make your reservation today!

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 2, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to noon

**Location:** El Corazon Senior Center  
3302 Senior Center Drive

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