

New Water Use Rules Now in Effect

Record-breaking high temperatures and concerns about declining statewide water reserve levels continue as California’s water supply situation becomes more serious each day. Responding to this worsening condition, the San Diego County Water Authority recently declared a **Level 2 Drought Alert**, calling for mandatory water conservation to keep as much water as possible in storage for 2015. The mandatory water use rules, **now in effect in the City of Oceanside**, instruct residents and businesses to prevent water waste and reduce water use by up to 20 percent.



Thank you for taking the steps below to follow the mandatory water use rules.

Outdoors	Give your landscaping only the water it needs: *Only water landscaping using sprinklers on Tues., Thurs. and Sat. for no more than 10 minutes per water station in the early morning or late evening (multiple, shorter run times can reduce runoff by allowing water to soak into the soil). <i>*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.</i>	Water Savings 15-25 gallons/minute-up to 250 gallons/cycle
	Use a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle or low-volume non-spray irrigation to water landscaped areas with no irrigation system.	Water Savings Varies
	Sweep paved surfaces; do not wash down with a hose.	Water Savings 8-18 gallons/minute
	Adjust sprinklers to prevent runoff or overspray.	Water Savings 15-25 gallons/day
	Repair leaks and broken sprinkler nozzles.	Water Savings 10 gallons/minute/leak
	Wash vehicles using a bucket and hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle (a professional car wash is preferred to keep pollutants out of storm drains).	Water Savings 8-18 gallons/minute
	Stop operating ornamental fountains unless recycled water is used.	Water Savings Varies
	Indoors	Repair all leaks including toilet, faucet, shower and other indoor leaks
Restaurants	Serve and refill water in restaurants only upon request.	Water Savings Up to 3 gallons/glass not served
Hotels	Offer hotel guests the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.	Water Savings 6,000-150,000 gallons/month

Those not following the mandatory restrictions are subject to a citation and possible fines.