



Drought Stage Update

Dear District Customer,

The Carmichael Water District Board of Directors would like to thank its customers for their help during this year's exceptionally dry conditions. In response to a recent call for voluntary conservation, District customers doubled their efforts and reduced use more than 20%. Compared to the same period last year, these reductions are equivalent to 282 million gallons of water saved.

You should be aware that on July 15, 2014 the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency regulations that prohibit certain outdoor water uses and require urban water agencies to implement mandatory outdoor water use restrictions. Although our customers have made great strides through voluntary water conservation, the recent actions by the SWRCB require the District to implement mandatory water use restrictions. Failure to comply with the SWRCB's emergency regulations could subject the District to a \$10,000 a day penalty.

In response to the SWRCB's Emergency Regulations, effective August 1, 2014, the District will implement the following water use program:

- No water runoff from property allowed.
- Free flowing hoses are prohibited for any use; all hoses must have an automatic shutoff device.
- The direct application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks is prohibited except for health and safety.
- Car washing must use bucket and hose with automatic shut-off nozzle.
- All swimming pools, spas, and ornamental fountains/pools using District water shall be equipped with a recirculation pump and maintained leak free. The "dump and fill" practice of swimming pool maintenance is prohibited. No filling of swimming pools, ornamental fountains, water features, or ponds allowed, except to maintain levels.
- Internal and external water leaks must be fixed in a timely manner.
- New landscape installations should be limited to drought-tolerant plants and natives. Recommend no new turf or hydro-seeding.
- Recommend use of high efficiency plumbing fixtures and wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Repeat violations will be subject to fines.

In addition, the following **Odd/Even irrigation schedule** will be implemented:

- Watering of lawns and landscaping is limited to two (2) days a week utilizing an odd/even schedule.
 - Odd number addresses** – Outdoor watering is limited to Tuesday and Saturday.
 - Even number addresses** – Outdoor watering is limited to Wednesday and Sunday.No watering allowed on Monday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Water early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize moisture loss to evaporation. **No watering allowed between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.**
- Trees, shrubs, vegetables, and community gardens may be watered any day by means of drip irrigation, soaker hoses, or hand watering. Runoff, free flowing hoses, and leak repair restrictions still apply.

With the updated program comes new challenges and District representatives are available to assist customer with this transition. The District offers free Water Efficiency Surveys for both interior and landscape water use. These surveys help in identifying leaks and offer free water efficient devices. In addition staff is available to help set irrigation timers for optimal efficiency. If you would like to receive a free Water Efficiency Survey please call (916) 483-2452 or stop by our office located at 7837 Fair Oaks Blvd.

Carmichael Water District's website, www.carmichaelwd.org, is the best place for up-to-date information on water shortage, drought stage conditions, and water efficiency programs. If you prefer to stop by our office, staff can provide you with water efficiency and drought information materials.

Once again the Carmichael Water District Board of Directors thanks you for your efforts.

- Carmichael Water District Board of Directors



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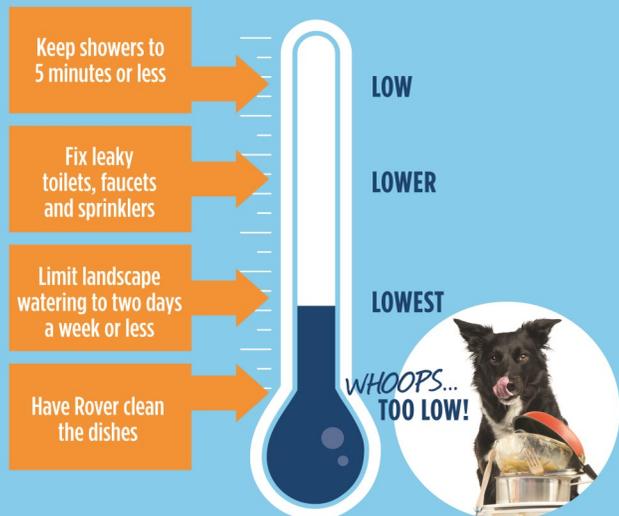
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Reglamento de emergencia para la conservación del agua urbana en todo el estado

Para obtener información sobre la Junta Estatal de Control de los recursos de agua ' emergencia Reglamento para estatal urbano conservación del agua, visite nuestro sitio web en www.carmichaelwd.org o visite nuestra oficina.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO TO CONSERVE WATER?



Free Water Efficiency Program

Is your home or business water wise? Find out by scheduling a Water Efficiency Survey with

Carmichael Water District. This service is free to Carmichael Water District customers.



Our trained water conservation specialists will come to your home or business to check for leaks, offer free water saving devices, and recommend ways to help you save. To sign up, call the District at (916) 483-2452. We'll schedule an appointment to come out and meet with you.