

Summary of Recommended Stage Three Drought Response Measures

New:

- Irrigation with potable water during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited. Measurable rainfall is defined as a ¼ of an inch or more of precipitation in a 24-hour period.
- Irrigation with potable water of turf on public street medians is prohibited.
- For the protection of public health and safety, the following drought-related development restrictions are hereby established and shall remain in effect for the duration of the Stage Three Drought Emergency, unless repealed or modified by resolution of the City Council:
 - a. No building permits for the installation of new pools shall be issued. Spas of less than 500 gallons are not subject to this moratorium.
 - b. Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings is prohibited unless delivered by drip or micro-spray systems.
 - c. For projects with new required landscaping included as part of the building permit, any new plants that are not water wise (as identified on the approved landscape plan) shall not be installed.
 - d. If desired, projects with required landscape plans may voluntarily defer the installation of landscape plantings that are not 1) required for compliance with an approved Storm Water Management Plan, environmental mitigation measures, or a creek or habitat restoration plan; 2) required for erosion control or to address a landslide threat; or 3) relocated trees or shrubs.
 - e. Exemptions:
 - i. Projects that submitted an application to the Planning Division or Building & Safety Division prior to declaration of the Stage Three Drought Emergency are exempt from item a above.
 - ii. Projects that submitted an application for a building permit prior to declaration of the Stage Three Drought Emergency are exempt from items b and c above.
 - iii. Landscaping irrigated exclusively with non-potable water is exempt from items b and c above.
 - iv. Exemptions to the development restrictions identified above may be granted by the Community Development Director, in consultation with the Public Works Director, for specific uses of water on the basis of factually demonstrated need or undue hardship and in accordance with guidelines for exemptions as may be determined by the Community Development Director. If the Community Development Director denies a request for an exemption for a specific water use, a written request for reconsideration may be made to the Planning Commission. The decision of the Planning Commission shall be final.
 - f. Administrative Guidelines for implementation of items c through e shall be prepared by the Community Development Director.

Modified:

- The outdoor use of potable water from a hose, pipe, or faucet for the purpose of cleaning buildings, pavement, driveways, sidewalks, tile, wood, plastic, or other hard surfaces is prohibited.
Exceptions: The following exceptions are allowed, provided that potable water is applied only by use of a pressure washer, mop, bucket, brush, and/or other tools to limit the use of running water to the minimum necessary. A pressure washer is defined herein to be equipment that boosts incoming water pressure for the purpose of enhancing cleaning capability and minimizing the amount of water used:
 - i. Such use is allowed when it is the only feasible means of correcting an immediate threat to health and safety.

- ii. Such use is allowed as a part of preparation for painting or sealing, provided that such washing occurs immediately prior to such painting or sealing.
 - iii. Such use is allowed for the following purposes, with prior notification to the City's Water Conservation Hotline, for a specific location, and subject to the specified limitations:
 - 1. Washing of awnings, windows, solar panels, signs, and other items, where necessary for preventive maintenance, not more than once in any three-month period;
 - 2. Washing of building surfaces, not more than once in any twelve-month period.
 - iv. Such use is allowed for dust control, including as a part of street sweeping operations, provided the use of water is the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended control of dust.
- Outdoor irrigation of any grass, shrub, plant, tree, groundcover, or other vegetation by use of an automatically controlled irrigation system is allowed only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. If manually operated, such irrigation is allowed only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Irrigation by hand-held hose is subject to the self-closing valve provision of Section 2.a.

Exceptions:

 - i. Irrigation accomplished by use of a water truck that delivers water by injection probe below mulch or below the soil surface is exempt from such scheduling limitations.
 - ii. Irrigation devices such as tree watering bags and other similar devices that release water at a slow rate for the purpose of watering trees are exempt from such scheduling limitations.
- Irrigation with potable water that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or parking structures is prohibited.
- Vehicles and boats shall be washed only at commercial car washing facilities equipped with water recycling equipment or by use of a hose, subject to the self-closing valve provision of Section 2.a. Operators of commercial car washing facilities shall post a notice in a conspicuous place advising the public as to whether their operations conform to such requirements. Commercial auto dealerships shall limit the regular washing of "fleet" or inventory vehicles to no more than once per week per vehicle and shall use a pressure washer. Vehicle "point-of-sale" washing is permitted. Dealerships shall post, in a conspicuous place, a Notice of Drought Condition, as approved by the Public Works Director, as well as signage informing customers that service vehicle washing is upon request only, and shall refrain from washing cars during service visits, except upon specific request by a customer.
- No use of water shall be allowed in any fountain or other decorative water feature that is not equipped with a recirculation system. The use of water in ornamental water features and fountains is prohibited except that such prohibition shall not apply to ornamental water features and fountains that:
 - i. Are located indoors ; or ~~on residential properties~~
 - ii. Have a total water surface area less than or equal to twenty five square feet; or
 - iii. As of the adoption date of this resolution, are home to aquatic life, provided that water shall be used and circulated only to the extent needed to maintain suitable living conditions for such aquatic life.
- All restaurants and other eating and drinking establishments shall post, in a conspicuous place, a Notice of Drought Condition as approved by the Public Works Director and shall refrain from serving water except upon specific request by a customer.
- Operators of hotels, motels and other commercial establishments offering lodging shall post in each room a Notice of Drought Condition as approved by the Public Works Director. Operators of hotels and motels shall provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotel or motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.

Existing:

- Any outdoor use of potable water through a hose or outdoor faucet not otherwise addressed by these regulations is prohibited unless the water is delivered by use of a self-closing valve that requires operator pressure to activate the flow of water. Use of a sprinkler device attached to a movable hose is allowed, subject to applicable restrictions on time of irrigation and prohibition of runoff.
- Swimming pools and spas shall have a cover that conforms to the size and shape of the pool or spa and acts as an effective barrier to evaporation. The cover shall be in place during periods when use of the pool is not reasonably expected to occur.
- Draining and refilling up to one third of the volume of a pool per year is allowed as necessary to maintain suitable pool water quality. Draining and refilling in excess of such one third per year is prohibited, except as authorized by the Public Works Director based on evidence from qualified maintenance personnel that such further draining is required to make needed repairs, or to prevent equipment damage or voiding of warranties.
- Operators of pools, exercise facilities, and other similar commercial establishments providing showering facilities shall promote limitation of showering time and post a Notice of Drought Condition as approved by the Public Works Director in a conspicuous place.