



Vallecitos Board of Directors Declares Drought Over

At a regular meeting on February 15, 2017, Vallecitos' Board voted to rescind the voluntary drought restrictions under its "Level 1 – Drought Watch." Vallecitos customers may irrigate any day of the week with no limit on the number of watering days, and may irrigate their landscapes for as many minutes as needed. However, the Board continued to express their desire to sustain water conservation as a permanent way of life. Vallecitos' ordinance still permanently prohibits the following wasteful practices, which are in effect at all times.

PERMANENT WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS

- The application of potable water to outdoor landscaping during and after 48 hours of a measurable rain event.
- A customer shall not allow water to leave the customer's property by drainage onto adjacent properties or public or private roadways or streets or gutters due to excessive irrigation and/or uncorrected leaks.
- Customers shall repair or stop all water leaks upon discovery or within forty-eight hours of notification by the Vallecitos Water District.
- Washing any paved area (sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, etc.) is only allowed to alleviate immediate safety or sanitation hazards. To relieve hazards, only a power washer or a hose with a shutoff nozzle may be used.
- A customer shall not continuously fill swimming pools and spas that are draining due to uncorrected leaks.
- A customer shall not use non-recirculating ornamental fountains or cascading fountains.
- Vehicle washing shall only be done in a commercial car wash or by using a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle or hand held container.
- Restaurants and other food establishments shall only serve and refill water upon request.

- Guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments shall be provided the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- The use of potable water for irrigation of ornamental turf within the public street rights of ways including adjacent landscape strips.
- The use of potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings inconsistent with regulations established by the California Building Standards Commission.
- A customer may only irrigate potted plants, non-commercial vegetable gardens and fruit trees, residential and commercial landscapes, including golf courses, parks, school grounds and recreation fields, before 10:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. A customer may irrigate the following at any time:
 - (1) as required by a landscape permit;
 - (2) as needed for erosion control;
 - (3) for establishment, repair, or renovation of public use fields for schools and parks;
 - (4) for landscape establishment following a disaster, such as a fire;
 - (5) for renovation or repair of an irrigation system with an operator present; or
 - (6) for commercial growers, agricultural water accounts and nurseries using a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a hand held container, or when a drip or micro-irrigation system or equipment is used. Irrigation of nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time.

For more information, go to www.vwd.org/drought. Questions regarding these conservation measures can be directed to the District's Conservation Department at (760) 744-0460 or by email at conservation@vwd.org. Thank you for your efforts to conserve!