



DROUGHT UPDATE: On July 6, 2016, the Vallecitos Water District's Board of Directors voted to rescind the mandatory drought restrictions under its "Level 2 Drought Alert" and move to voluntary conservation measures under its "Level 1 Drought Watch," thereby ending restrictions on outdoor watering. Vallecitos customers may now irrigate any day of the week with no limit on the number of watering days, and may irrigate their landscapes as long as necessary. However, the Board expressed their desire to sustain water conservation as a permanent way of life and adopted a new ordinance permanently prohibiting the following wasteful practices:

PERMANENT WATER WASTE PROHIBITIONS

The following prohibitions are in effect at all times:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY ACTIONS DURING LEVEL 1 DROUGHT WATCH

- It is encouraged for residential and commercial landscape irrigation to be limited to no more than three assigned days per week from June through October and no more than two days per week, from November through May. This shall not apply to commercial growers, agricultural water accounts or nurseries.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available and permitted for use in accordance with all local, State and Federal regulations.

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!