

**The City of Escondido City Council Declares a  
Water Shortage Level 2-Water Alert Condition.  
Additional Water Use Restrictions begin July 1, 2009.**

In response to continuing drought conditions and regulatory restrictions on water supplies from Northern California, the City's water wholesaler, San Diego County Water Authority, will reduce water deliveries to the City of Escondido Utilities residential and commercial customers by 8% beginning July 1, 2009.

Although residents and businesses have stepped up their water conservation efforts since City Council declared a Water Shortage Level 1-Water Watch Condition at the October 8, 2008, City Council meeting, increased efforts must be made to achieve the mandated 8% reduction.

**Water shortage penalty rates will not be imposed at this time;** however if the City does not meet its allocation, then the City Council may enforce the penalty rates that were approved at the October 8 City Council Meeting.



**Water Shortage Stage 2-Water Alert Condition Water Use Restrictions**

◆ **Landscape Watering Days**

Outdoor landscape watering days will be restricted to three days a week as follows: From June through October, homes with odd-numbered addresses may water only on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Homes with even-numbered addresses may water only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Apartments, Condos and Businesses may only water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

◆ **Landscape Watering Time**

Watering is restricted to no more than 10 minutes per station or valve. This does not apply to systems that use micro-emission devices with a flow rate equal to or less than 2 gallons per hour.

◆ **Irrigation System Maintenance**

Operating irrigation systems that result in water not being applied to the landscaped area by virtue of excessive overspray, misting, misaligned or tilted spray heads, or any other malfunction or out-of-adjustment condition is prohibited.

Reminder: The following water use restrictions and measures are mandated at all times.

- ◆ Leaks and line breaks must be repaired as soon as possible when they are discovered.
- ◆ Eliminate excessive runoff from over watering.
- ◆ Irrigate landscapes only between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. except for very short periods to adjust or repair the irrigation system. Newly seeded or reseeded grass may be watered until it is established.
- ◆ All fountains must re-circulate the water.
- ◆ Washing any vehicle with a hose not having a water shut-off nozzle is prohibited.
- ◆ Washing hardscape such as driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, and patios with a hose or other pressurized source is prohibited, except to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- ◆ A hotel or motel must provide guests with the option not to have towels and/or linens laundered daily.
- ◆ Restaurants or other public places where food is served will not serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested by the customer.

Call 760-839-4074 if you have any questions on the water use restrictions.

To report water violations, call 760-839-4658.

For information on water conservation programs and incentives, visit [www.escondido.org](http://www.escondido.org).