



November 21, 2014

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Dear Valued Customer,

As we know, California is in a severe drought. The last three-year period has been the driest in 125 years. The Governor declared a Drought Emergency in January. Today, water reservoirs statewide are at critically low levels. Despite the state's requirement to reduce water usage by 20%, our District has increased water use by 1% in 2014, compared to 2013.

Effective December 1, 2014, we must limit potable water sprinkler use to one day a week with a maximum of 10 minutes of watering per sprinkler station/zone.

WATERING DAYS

Residential: Mondays Only

Businesses, Government, Schools, HOAs: Wednesdays Only

These watering days apply to *all* potable water sprinkler systems (manually-operated or with a controller/timer) and do not include recycled water irrigation systems.

If you have a potable water sprinkler controller/timer, please reset it to water one (1) day a week only, between the hours of 5 pm and 9 am, with each sprinkler station/zone limited to operating once for a maximum of ten (10) minutes.

You may water outdoors on any day, at any time using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle, a bucket or container of water, or a very low-flow drip irrigation system.

During these cooler, shorter and rainier days of December through March, landscaping requires less watering. We use up to 60% of our water on lawns and landscaping, and much is unnecessary.

For more information on outdoor water use during the drought and on rebates available for sprinkler upgrades and shifting to California-friendly landscaping, go to: scwd.org/supplyalert; email: custserv@scwd.org; or call: 949 499-4555 ext. 1.

If water supplies are further restricted in 2015, we may need to decrease water use by 40%.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve water, especially during this historic drought. Every drop counts.

Sincerely,

Andrew Brunhart
General Manager