



July 13, 2022

Hello HOA,

South Coast Water District (SCWD) is dedicated to water conservation and efforts to alleviate the drought. On April 14, 2022, SCWD’s Board of Directors voted to move to a **Level 2 Water Supply Shortage** which prompts a series of conservation actions outlined in our [Water Shortage Contingency Plan](#). This mandate went into effect on May 1, 2022 and includes the key conservation actions outlined below:

- Customers *must* repair leaks, breaks, and malfunctions (i.e., faulty sprinklers) within three (3) business days of District notification.
- **Landscape irrigation shall be limited to three (3) days per week from April to October** and will potentially reduce to no more than one (1) day per week from November to March.

<b>WATERING/IRRIGATION DAYS</b> <b><i>No Watering Between 9am-5pm</i></b>	
<b>Businesses, HOAs, Government, and Schools Watering Days:</b> Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Only	<b>Single Family Residential (SFR) Watering Days:</b> <i>West of Golden Lantern – Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday</i>  <i>East of Golden Lantern – Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday</i>

- State Water Resources Control Board has mandated “to prevent the unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, the use of potable water is prohibited for the irrigation of Non-Functional Turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites”. Within the SCWD, this means Businesses, HOAs, Government, and Schools **must not use potable water for irrigating Non-Functional Turf.**
  - Non-Functional Turf is ornamental ground cover surface of mowed grass and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes.
  - This does **not** apply to: School fields, sports fields, and areas regularly used for civic or community events, the irrigation of trees or other non-turf plantings, or residential lawns.

Characteristics of Non-Functional Turf:

- Not used in a recreational manner, such as parkways strips, frontage, courtyard, interior and building adjacent turf
- Too small to offer meaningful benefit
- Located adjacent to streets, thoroughfares or parking lots that affect its use
- Located in areas difficult to access or with limited access
- Difficult to irrigate efficiently (sloped, oddly shaped)
- Without nearby amenities (benches, restrooms, shade)



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**Figure 1 - Examples of Non-Functional Turf**



- **Watering, or irrigating, is prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** (this applies to lawns, landscaping, and all other vegetated areas)
- **Outdoor watering CANNOT result in runoff.**
  - The application of Potable Water to outdoor landscapes shall not cause runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.

**WE ARE IN A DROUGHT AND IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO HELP OUT!**

If you are interested in saving water *and* money, [click here](#) for a list of rebates available for drought-friendly home improvements, such as, turf removal, drip irrigation, cisterns, and more!

Attached for your convenience are Information Sheets to include in your newsletters or other correspondence to your residents and a Drought Resources PDF of items that can be customized to help you get the word out.

For more information on the drought, watering limits, or resources available, please contact the SCWD staff listed below. Thank you!

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## COMMERCIAL REBATES

Apply at [mwdoc.com/CommercialRebates](http://mwdoc.com/CommercialRebates)

### Turf Removal

- Rebates start at \$2 per square foot of turf removed – the savings really adds up!
- Up to 70% less water used
- FREE customized Design Assistance

### Smart Sprinkler Timers and Central Computer Irrigation Controller Systems

- Rebates \$35 per station for properties >1 acre
- Save 500 gallons per day

### Large Rotary Nozzles

- Rebates at \$13 per set
- Up to 6.5% less water used
- Use on golf courses and other large functional turf areas

### Drip Irrigation

- Rebates start at \$0.50 per square foot
- Save 50 gallons per day

### In-stem Flow Regulators

- Rebates are \$1 per regulator
- Save up to 1,000 gallons each
- Control water flow in irrigation systems at the sprinkler head. Great for parks & office complexes

### Premium High Efficiency Toilets

- Rebates start at \$40
- Water Savings: 22 gallons per day

### Ice Machines

- Rebates at \$1000
- Air-cooled ice machines use less energy and water and make ice more quickly and efficiently

And much more on the website...

## BUSINESSES, HOAS, GOVERNMENT, AND SCHOOLS



### WATERING SCHEDULE LIMITS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY  
*Recycled Water Users are EXEMPT*



### WATERING HOURS LIMITS

- Watering, or irrigating, is **prohibited every day between 9am and 5pm.**
  - This applies to lawns, landscaping, and all other vegetated areas.
- **Outdoor watering cannot result in runoff.**  
*The application of Potable Water to outdoor landscapes shall not cause runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures*
- Owners and managers of commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, including HOAs, **must not use potable water for irrigating Non-functional turf**



### WATERING DURATION LIMITS

- Watering, or irrigating, with a device or Irrigation System is **limited to no more than 10 minutes per valve per cycle.**
  - This applies to lawns, landscaping, and all other vegetated areas.



### TIPS

Report any leaks, spills, or overwatering to  
[SCWD.ORG/WaterWaste](http://SCWD.ORG/WaterWaste)

Adjust the sprinkler heads so water is directed onto  
landscaping, not sidewalks or streets

Replace any broken sprinkler heads

Check for and Repair Leaks immediately



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*Partnering With The Community*

