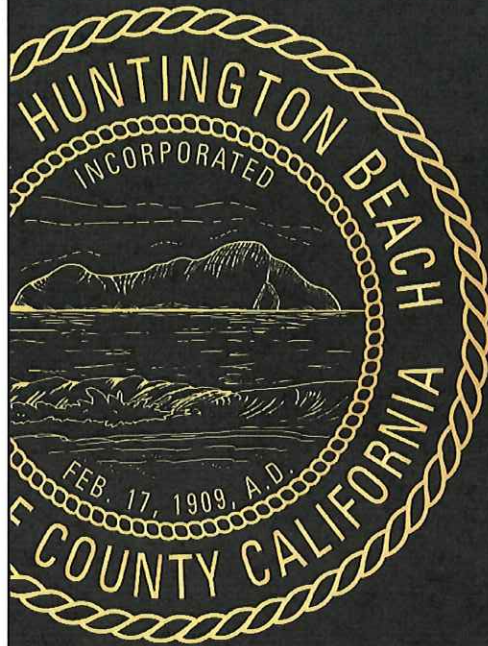




Emergency Drought Regulations

Executive Order N-7-22
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Background

- March 28, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order directing Water Board to adopt emergency regulations to increase water conservation
 - Annual Water Supply Demand Assessment
 - Water Shortage Contingency Response Plan (WSCP) actions for up to 20% savings (Level 2)
 - Banning irrigation of non-functional turf in commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors (CII)



SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION

Meeting Date: 6/7/22

Agenda Item No.: 9/22-482 City Manager's Report¹

- **Public outreach and messaging**
- New irrigation requires automatic controllers with rain sensors
- Perform customer leak reporting and detection
- Rebates for landscaping irrigation, water efficiency, and turf replacement
- **Limit irrigation to 3 days per week (Mon, Wed, Fri)**
- Filling or refilling ornamental lakes is prohibited, unless to support aquatic life
- Improve customer billing reports regarding water use
- Decrease line flushing
- Fix leaks and sprinklers **within 48-hours**



Outreach

- Bill Inserts
- Postcard Mailers
- Door Hangers
- Yard Signs
- Electronic Message Signs
- Social Media
- City Website

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A LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE HAS BEEN DECLARED

**Automated Watering Allowed Only On
MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY**




**14.16.050 Permanent Water Conservation Requirements
Prohibition Against Waste**

- Irrigation is prohibited between 3 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Irrigation is limited to no more than 10 minutes per station per day.
- The excessive water runoff from irrigation onto sidewalks or streets.
- Drop irrigation and hand watering is exempt.
- The watering during or 24 hours after measurable rainfall.
- Washing of vehicles requires the use of a hand held bucket or hose equipped with an auto shut-off nozzle.
- Water features or decorative water features are required to use recirculation systems.
- Irrigation down yard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to concrete walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or decks, is prohibited.

The following additional water conservation requirements apply during a declared Level 2 Water Supply Shortage

- Irrigation of non-functional lawns on any property that is not a single family residence is prohibited.
- Except as may be required to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-flowering plants.
- The planting of lawn grass must be postponed until no later than 6/1/20.
- Mowing or the mowing maintenance of lawns or grounds is prohibited, except to the extent needed to sustain public safety.

HO Water Conservation Hotline 713.536.5522

Turf Removal Program

- Rebate of **\$3 per square foot** of turf removed and replaced with California Friendly Landscape



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Water Conservation Resources

- Website
www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater
- Water Wise Gardening
www.surfcitygardening.com
- Rebates
www.ocwatersmart.com
- Water Conservation Hotline: (714) 536-5922



Next Steps

- **Emergency regulations begin June 10, 2022**
- Public outreach started late-May, early-June
- Limited irrigation (MWF), excludes drip irrigation and hand watering with automatic shutoff nozzle
- Early morning patrols on non-watering days (TTh)
- Increased door hanger distributions and customer service in response to violations



Questions?

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