



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

WSCP Response Actions

- 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

What can you do right now?

- Shorten your shower by 5 minutes **AHEAD 12** Gallons per day
- Wash only full loads of laundry **AHEAD 15-40** Gallons per day
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets **AHEAD 20** Gallons per day
- Install high efficiency toilets **AHEAD 19** Gallons per day
- Adjust your sprinkler system for beds and landscaping **AHEAD 50+** Gallons per day
- Replace a portion of your lawn with California friendly plants **AHEAD 120** Gallons per day
- Install a smart, efficient timer **AHEAD 40** Gallons per day

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION

A LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE HAS BEEN DECLARED

14.18.050 Permanent Water Conservation Requirements - Prohibition Against Waste

Automatic watering is allowed only on Monday - Wednesday - Friday.

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Prohibition against waste of water includes, but is not limited to, the following: (a) watering of lawns, gardens, or other areas of a property; (b) watering of trees, shrubs, or other plants; (c) watering of ornamental lakes or ponds; (d) watering of fountains or other decorative water features; (e) watering of swimming pools or other recreational areas; (f) watering of parking areas, tennis courts, or other areas; (g) watering of any area where water is not needed for a purpose other than the maintenance of the property.

City of Huntington Beach Watering Schedule is 3 Days Per Week Beginning June 10, 2022

Monday | Wednesday | Friday

Before 9am or after 5pm
Up to 10 minutes per irrigation station
Hand watering is allowed any day at any time

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- Irrigation is prohibited between 8 am and 5 pm
- Irrigation is limited to no more than 10 minutes per station per day
- No excessive water runoff from irrigation onto sidewalks or streets
- Drainage and hand watering exempt
- No watering during or 48 hours after measurable rain fall
- Watering of vehicles requires the use of a hand held bulb or hose equipped with an auto shut off device
- Water features or decorative water features are required to use recirculation systems
- Washing down hard or paved surfaces including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, decks, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited

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

- Irrigation of non-functional turf 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 plantings
- All plumbing system leaks must be repaired within 48 hours
- Filling or refilling ornamental lakes or ponds is prohibited, except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life

180 Water Conservation Hotline 714.336.5322

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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