

WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE SUMMARY

The City has adopted a 'Water Conservation and Drought Management Plan Ordinance' (Municipal Code, Chapter 8.56) that applies to the use of water by everyone throughout the City, including individuals, households and businesses. It also applies to installation of various devices.

Use	Requirement*
Watering, Hours and Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m. 15 minutes per station day • Drip systems and hand-held hose with automatic shut-off nozzle also allowed
Pools and spas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover overnight and when not in use • Covers required for new pools/spas. • All pools and spas have covers by 7/1/12
Leaks, Waste, Excess Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No leaks, waste, overwatering, overspray, runoff, or watering during rainfall
Cleaning surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only water broom, pressure washer, water recycling system allowed (max. 3 gal/minute)
Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have re-circulating water
Washing Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only using bucket or handheld hose with automatic shut-off nozzle. (Excludes commercial car washes)
All Commercial Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No single pass cooling systems • All install low flow toilets by 1/1/14
Eating & Drinking Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve water by request only • Use water brooms, bucket, low flow methods • New/replacement use water efficient pre-rinse nozzles • All pre-rinse nozzles water efficient by 7/1/11 • All dishwashers water efficient by 1/1/14
Commercial Lodging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs advising of choice to opt-out of daily linen service
All Commercial Laundry Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/replacement install water efficient appliances • All washers water efficient or recycling by 1/1/14
Commercial Car Wash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/replacement install water recycling system • All use low volume systems by 1/1/12

*Water-efficient means it complies with water conservation standards of California Plumbing Code, is EPA WaterSense labeled www.epa.gov/watersense or equivalent, or if none apply then:

- Spray irrigation systems: min. 70% efficiency standard
- Drip irrigation systems: max. 2 gallons per hour
- Water broom or pressure washer: max. 3 gallons per minute
- Pre-rinse dishwashing nozzles: max. 1.6 gallons per minute
- Dishwashing systems: max. water factor 6.0 (gal. per cycle/ tub)

Violations can lead to fines, prosecution and other penalties under City codes (8.56.130) and possibly state or federal law.