



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
WATER DEPARTMENT

# City of San Diego Community Planners Committee

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# Key Elements of City's Drought Ordinance

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- Establishes targets / triggers for each level when a specific amount of consumer demand reduction is required
  - Level 1 (voluntary) – up to 10% reduction
  - Level 2 (**mandatory**)– up to 20%
  - Level 3 (**mandatory**)– up to 40%
  - Level 4 (**mandatory**)– greater than 40%
- Demand reductions called for by CWA can be based upon a number of factors:
  - Cutbacks from Metropolitan Water District
  - CWA regional local supplies
    - Availability of member agency local storage
    - Current conservation savings being achieved
  - Ability of CWA to secure supplemental supplies
- City reductions will be reflective of our own local supplies



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## Level 1 (↑ 10% Reduction)

- Currently found in City's "Stage 1 Water Watch"
- Voluntary Restrictions:
  - Washing down paved surfaces
  - Shut-off valves on hoses
  - Restaurants – water only upon request
  - Hotels – optional laundering of linens





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## Level 2 (↑ 20% Reduction)

### – **Mandatory** Restrictions:

- **All Level 1 restrictions:**

- Summer landscape irrigation to 3 days/week
- Winter landscape irrigation to 1 day/week
- 10 minutes/station
- Washing your car, use a bucket and a hose with a shut-off nozzle between 6pm and 10am
- Turn off water fountains
- Repair leaks in 72 hours





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## Level 2 (↑ 20% Reduction) – Support

- Resources Allocated to Response Effort
  - Hiring 10 full-time, limited positions to manage the enforcement and complaint process
  - Public utility staff to be trained to observe and report water waste or violations of behavior modification requirements
  - All City staff to be trained on modifications required at City facilities
  - Door hangers and other materials to be developed for use by staff and public
  - Tracking system to be implemented for complaints
- Hardship Variance and Cost Recovery Fee
  - Undue hardship
  - \$25, 50 and \$100 based on size of meter





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## Level 3 (↑ 40% Reduction)

### Mandatory Restrictions:

- All Level 2 restrictions, plus:
- No new potable water service will be provided, nor temporary or permanent meters issued
- Summer landscape irrigation reduced to 2 days/week
- No (re)filling of ornamental lakes, ponds, residential pools and spas
- Car washing at commercial carwashes only (that re-circulate water)
- Repair of water leaks within 48 hours



## Level 4 (40%+ Reduction)

### Mandatory Restrictions:

- All Level 3 restrictions, plus:
- All landscape irrigation is stopped, except in unique and limited circumstances
- All water leaks are to be repaired within 24 hours





# Water Emergency Information

**NO TIME TO WASTE**  
**NO WATER TO WASTE**

MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS START **JUNE 1, 2009**

[www.sandiego.gov/water](http://www.sandiego.gov/water)

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**ALERT** LEVEL 2: DROUGHT CONDITION