

REDUCING OUTDOOR IRRIGATION



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

FACT SHEET

California's water supply is at historically low levels after four consecutive years of drought. In response, in April 2015, Governor Jerry Brown ordered a 25 percent statewide reduction in urban water use. Later in May, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency statewide regulations that took into account previous citywide water conservation efforts. These regulations mandated the City of San Diego to conserve 16 percent between June 1, 2015, and February 13, 2016.

The quickest and most effective way to lower water use is to reduce outdoor irrigation. Historically up to 50 percent of residential water use in the city has been used to irrigate lawns and landscaping. As of July 1, 2015, the following irrigation schedule is mandatory for City of San Diego residents:

Water 2 Days Per Week, 5 Minutes Per Day*

WATER ONLY 2 DAYS A WEEK	WATER ONLY THESE DAYS	WATER ONLY 5 MINUTES PER STATION	
	ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES		<i>Water only</i> Sunday & Thursday
	EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES		<i>Water only</i> Saturday & Wednesday
	APARTMENTS, CONDOS, & BUSINESSES	<i>Water only</i> Monday & Friday	

* For systems with multiple stations, water 5 minutes per station. The 5-minutes-per-day time limit does NOT apply to landscape irrigation systems using water-efficient devices, including drip and micro-irrigation systems and stream rotor sprinklers. However, residents these systems are still required to follow the two-day-per-week schedule.

Water at the Right Time of Day

Water only after 6 p.m. and before 10 a.m., to reduce evaporation and get the most out of your watering.

Tree Care

It is critical that trees on your property are properly watered in times of drought to ensure environmental and public safety.

For more information, visit WasteNoWater.org.

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Rebates from City of San Diego

Rebates to help you save water are available from the City of San Diego, provided funding is available.

For up-to-date information on available water conservation rebates, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/rebates/index.shtml>.

Rebate	Description
Rain Barrel	Rebates for barrels that catch and store rain water. For residential customers only.
Grass Replacement	Rebates for removal of grass (lawn) that is replaced with water wise plant material. For residential and commercial customers.
Micro-Irrigation	Rebates for converting an overhead spray sprinkler system to low application rate micro-irrigation (i.e. drip, micro-spray, etc.). For residential and commercial customers.
Mulch from Miramar Greenery	A maximum of two cubic yards of mulch for free with proof of residency in the City of San Diego. For residential and commercial customers.

Rebates from Other Agencies – Available Now

Rebate	Description
SoCal Water\$mart Rebates The San Diego Region is strongly encouraged to <u>apply now for the grass replacement rebates</u> , as funding is available on a first come, first served basis for this Southern California Regional program.	High-efficiency toilets, washers, weather based irrigation controllers (WBIC- Smart Controllers), grass replacement, rotating sprinkler nozzles, rain barrels and other devices. More info: http://bit.do/socal

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