

WATER ENFORCEMENT



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

FACT SHEET

On April 1, 2015, Governor Jerry Brown issued an executive order directing the State Water Resources Control Board to impose restrictions on urban water suppliers to achieve a statewide 25 percent reduction in potable urban usage by February 13, 2016.

Subsequently, on May 5, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency statewide regulations that set individualized water-use reduction targets for local water agencies beginning June 1, 2015. These new conservation targets were individualized based on previous water conservation efforts by each water agency. The City of San Diego's mandate to reduce water use was set at 16 percent.

Enforcement

The City is enforcing all mandatory water-use restrictions with staff from the Public Utilities Department and the Transportation & Storm Water Department. Notices of violation (NOV) and/or administrative citations will immediately be issued when evidence of water waste is found. The City is required by the state to report enforcement actions and the number of violations on a monthly basis.

- City staff issue NOVs in response to confirmed water-waste complaints. The NOVs do not carry any monetary penalty. The next step in enforcement is an administrative citation. These citations carry fines of up to \$1,000.
- Staff authorized by Public Utilities and Transportation & Storm Water issue NOVs for observed violations or instances where there is verified water waste. Water waste is verified through adequate photos or if witnessed by City staff or a code enforcement officer.
- If a violation is reported but not verified, or there is no evidence linking the waste to a customer, then a warning notification is issued instead of an NOV.
- After an NOV is issued and corrective action has not taken place, or if another complaint is received and verified by a code enforcement officer, then an administrative citation will be issued.
- A property owner who has been given an NOV (for a broken sprinkler head for instance) can be issued an administrative citation for the next violation observed on the same property, even if it is a different leaking or broken fixture.
- Notices of violations can be issued for each violation of water-use restrictions and are not limited in number or by address.

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New Requirements

To meet the 16 percent reduction mandate, the City amended the San Diego Municipal Code to require irrigation be limited to two days per week and five minutes per day. As of July 1, 2015, the following irrigation schedule is mandatory for City of San Diego residents:

Water No More than 2 Days Per Week, 5 Minutes Per Day *

WATER ONLY 2 DAYS A WEEK	WATER ONLY THESE DAYS	
	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
		WATER ONLY 5 MINUTES PER STATION

* 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, these systems should 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.

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