



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Public Utilities Department

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### **City Strengthens Water-Use Restrictions** *Action Reinforces Need for Long-Term Water Conservation*

**SAN DIEGO** – On November 9, the City Council approved the strengthening of the existing Municipal Code Section on Emergency Water Regulations. The action affects certain restrictions (not all of them.) Specifically, the approved changes which are now permanent water-use restrictions are:

1. The time of day when watering is allowed (before 10 am and after 6 pm from June to October, and before 10 am and after 4 pm from November to May) became a permanent restriction. This does not apply to irrigation as required by a landscape permit; for erosion control; for establishment, repair or renovation of public use fields; for landscape establishment following a disaster; for renovation or repair of an irrigation system; and for nursery and commercial growers using hand held containers, positive shut off nozzles, or drip/micro-spray systems. The City will review variance applications from customers who feel they cannot abide by this watering schedule.
2. Watering on assigned days of the week (three days per week) is now applicable at Level 1 Drought Watch, but remains *voluntary*, together with all other Level 1 voluntary conservation practices.

Currently, the City is at Level 2 Drought Alert, which stipulates mandatory restrictions of no more than three days per week of watering. For a complete list of water-use restrictions in place at varying levels of drought conditions, visit the City's website at [www.sandiego.gov/wateremergency](http://www.sandiego.gov/wateremergency) or call the Public Utilities Department at (619) 515-3500.

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