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## **Let the Rain Do the Watering**

*City Reminds Residents and Businesses To Turn Off Irrigation While It Rains*

SAN DIEGO— With more much-needed water coming down from the sky, the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department wants to remind homeowners, renters, gardeners, businesses, facility managers and others in charge of outdoor irrigation systems to reduce water waste and avoid overwatering in the next few weeks following the rain.

When it rains, let the rain do the watering. It's one less chore for you during the busy holiday season and most importantly, helps with supply issues during the historical drought situation facing California.

“Outdoor irrigation accounts for more than half of a typical household’s water use in San Diego,” said Public Utilities Director Halla Razak. “Take advantage of this opportunity and give your sprinklers, and our water supply, a break whenever there is a rain event.”

Razak also reminds San Diegans that watering during a rain event is actually against the City’s mandatory water use restrictions in place under the Drought Alert, which was activated November 1.

Depending on how much rain a person’s neighborhood receives, it’s feasible to leave your sprinklers off for up to two weeks after a storm, especially with our ground still damp from last week’s rain. With everyone’s cooperation, we can save for those non-rainy days.

For more information about water conservation, current water use restrictions and other resources, visit [www.wastenowater.org](http://www.wastenowater.org) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook for news and updates.

