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# **City of San Diego Moving to Level 1 Drought Watch Following Changes in State Regulations That Recognize Local Conservation**

**CITY ENCOURAGES CONTINUED VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION AMID ONGOING DROUGHT**

San Diego – The San Diego City Council today approved modifications to water-use restrictions as part of a move from Level 2 Drought Alert to a Level 1 Drought Watch, which is characterized by voluntary water-use recommendations and third day of allowable outdoor watering per week. Previously, water customers were limited to watering outdoor landscaping for a maximum of two days a week.

**“Saving water is a way of life for San Diegans. As long as we continue our successful conservation efforts and investments in new supplies, San Diego will be in the best position to maintain sustainable water resources,” said Halla Razak, Director of the Public Utilities Department.**

The San Diego County Water Authority’s (CWA) initial determination that the San Diego region has an adequate water supply for this and the next three years has, in part, moved the State Water Resources Control Board to adjust San Diego’s water-use reduction mandate.

While many permanent mandatory restrictions remain in place, such as restaurants only serving water upon request and no watering during a rain event, San Diegans are now able to water outdoors more than two days per week. The City still strongly encourages voluntary conservation and limiting water usage outdoors to three days per week. Under Level 1 Drought Watch conditions, the City recommends:

- Odd addresses limit watering to Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Even addresses limit watering to Saturday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Apartments, Condos and businesses limit watering to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, please visit [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/prohibitions](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/prohibitions).

The City's award-winning Water Conservation Program will continue to help residents conserve water. Among the services and resources the City provides to its customers are:

- Free residential and commercial water surveys to ensure efficient use of water both indoors and outdoors;
- Rebate programs;
- Water waste mobile app to report water waste; and
- Sustainable landscape classes to provide suggestions on how to convert your landscape to a more native and drought-tolerant design.

Information about the City's Water Conservation Program can be found at: [www.sandiego.gov/water](http://www.sandiego.gov/water).

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