

RE - Calif + S.C. Water Crisis

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### CITY WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT!

The City Council has passed a water conservation ordinance in an effort to conserve water this summer. Everyone is no doubt aware of the fact that we have had a very dry year and that the water sources are down to levels that are not sufficient to satisfy normal summer needs. The Water Department has started a campaign to inform the public on ways to conserve water and also to let them know just what the restrictions are. Copies of the complete list of restrictions along with numerous conservation tips are available from the Water Department. The following lists a few of the highlights of the new rules:

In order to reduce the demand on the water system, it is necessary for customers to alternate outside watering as follows:

All customers with even-numbered street addresses water on even-numbered dates only. EXAMPLE: Street address 260 - water on dates such as 2nd, 6th, 10th, 24th, etc. Street address 259 - water on dates which are odd-numbered such as the 1st, 5th, 15th, 21st, etc.

HOURS: Only between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12 noon and after 8:00 p.m.

Other restrictions include:

No washing of exterior surfaces such as porches, driveways, etc.

All customer leaks must be fixed immediately.

No washing of automobiles or mobile homes except by hand, using pails or buckets.

#### Water is Precious - Use it But Don't Waste it!

A slow drip wastes 15 gallons of water per day!

Check all faucets from attic to cellar. Watch hot water faucets particularly; the heat affects them and you lose both water and heat.

Check flush tanks of toilets by placing laundry bluing in tank and watching bowl to see if it leaks through.

Check outside water taps to see that they are turned off when not in use; don't depend upon the hose nozzle, use the faucet.



What happens if you ignore the proposed regulations?

If convicted, violators can be fined as much as \$100 per day of violation.

Are people generally obeying the rules of water conservation?

Yes. The Water Department has noticed a decline in water usage since the water restrictions were put into effect - but more conservation is needed. If everyone does his part, we will have enough water to supply our needs.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR—HELP US AVOID A WATER SHORTAGE BY FOLLOWING WATER CONSERVATION RULES.