

WATER SHORTAGE NOTICE!

Santa Cruz Area Water Customers
Water Conservation Ordinance

Questions And Answers:

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1. ARE WATER RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT?

The City Council has enacted a Water Conservation Ordinance prohibiting some uses of water and regulating other uses. This Ordinance is now in effect and will remain in force as long as the drought lasts.

2. DO THE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL CUSTOMERS?

If you receive a water bill from the City Water Department, or live westerly of 41st Avenue, in Live Oak, Santa Cruz Gardens, Carbonero, North Branciforte, Pasatiempo, Rolling Woods, or the City of Santa Cruz, the regulations apply to you.

3. WHY ARE THESE RESTRICTIONS NECESSARY?

This year, we are experiencing the worst drought ever recorded in this area. Only 36% of normal rainfall was received in the watershed. The City water system relies mainly on water available in surface streams, which depend directly on rainfall. These sources will not be adequate to satisfy normal needs this summer.

4. DON'T WE HAVE ANY OTHER SOURCES?

The City operates 6 good wells, but these produce only about 15 percent of the total needs. The City also draws water from Loch Lomond, but the lack of rainfall has severely restricted the amount available from this source.

5. WHAT DOES THE ORDINANCE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

The Water Conservation Ordinance imposes regulations on water use designed to eliminate waste, reduce peak use and total daily use. In this way, prolonged outages and rationing can be avoided.

6. HOW DOES THE ORDINANCE AFFECT ME?

The following regulations and restrictions on water use are imposed by the Ordinance:

- a) No washing of exterior surfaces, such as porches, driveways, etc.
- b) All Customer leaks must be fixed immediately.
- c) No washing of automobiles or mobile homes would be permitted except by hand, using pails.
- d) Sprinkling or watering of exterior lawns, landscaping or gardens would be limited to between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and after 8:00 p.m. on an odd-even schedule according to date and address.
- e) All businesses and recreation enterprises would have to cut back their use by the maximum amount feasible.

7. HOW CAN THE REGULATIONS BE ENFORCED?

If convicted, violators can be fined \$100 per day of violation. The City will do its part to insure compliance. Each citizen should also take an active part in the enforcement process by:

- a) Complying with the regulations.
- b) Asking their neighbors to comply.
- c) Pointing out violations noted at commercial establishments to manager or operator.
- d) Advising the Water Department of serious violations.

8. WHAT IS THE "ODD-EVEN SCHEDULE" REFERRED TO FOR OUTSIDE WATERING?

The Ordinance requires customers to alternate outside watering as follows: All customers with even-numbered street addresses on even-numbered dates only. EXAMPLE: Street address 260 — Water on dates such as 2nd, 4th, 6th, 10th, 20th, etc. Street address 259 — Water on dates such as 1st, 3rd, 5th, 15th, 21st, etc.

**LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO AVOID
A WATER SHORTAGE — FOLLOW
WATER CONSERVATION RULES.**

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