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## **Water Use Restrictions During Level 4 Water Supply Shortage (Baseline + Level 1, Level 2, Level 3)**

1. **Limits on Watering Hours.** Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is prohibited between the hours of nine a.m. and seven p.m. Pacific Standard/Daylight Savings Time on any day, except by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device, or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system. Watering or irrigating within forty-eight hours after one quarter inch or more of precipitation is received is prohibited.
2. **Limit on Watering Duration.** Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water using a landscape irrigation system or a watering device that is not continuously attended is limited to no more than fifteen minutes watering per day per station/valve/zone. This subsection does not apply to landscape irrigation stations/valves/zones that exclusively use drip type irrigation systems, soaker hoses, bubblers, or high efficiency sprinkler nozzles that have a precipitation rate of less than one inch per hour. However, at no time can any irrigation system be operated long enough to cause runoff.
3. **Limit on Watering Days.** During the months of March through October, watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to two days per week on a schedule established and posted by the city. Those days are:
  - Mondays and Thursdays for ODD numbered addresses and properties with no address
  - Tuesdays and Fridays for EVEN numbered addresses

During the months of November through February, watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to no more than one day per week on a schedule established and posted by the city. This provision does not apply to the following uses of water:

  - a. To landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use very low flow drip type irrigation systems when no emitter produces more than two gallons of water per hour;
  - b. To watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device, or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system;
4. **No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff.** Watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape or other vegetated area in a manner that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter or ditch is prohibited.
5. **No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces.** Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, and then only by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off device, a low-volume, high-pressure cleaning machine equipped to recycle any water used, or a low-volume high-pressure water broom. Washing down structures, fences, and hard surfaces expressly for the purposes of preparing a surface for the application of a surface coating is not prohibited provided it does not occur more than one time in any twelve-month period.
6. **Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions.** Excessive use, loss or escape of water through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system for any period of time after such escape of water should have reasonably been discovered and corrected and in no event more than 48 hours of receiving written notice from the city, is prohibited.



7. **Recirculating Water Required for Water Fountains and Decorative Water Features.** Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use recirculated water is prohibited.
8. **Limits on Washing Vehicles.** Using potable water to wash or clean a vehicle, including but not limited to, any automobile, truck, van, bus, boat or trailer, whether motorized or not, is prohibited except at a commercial car washing facility that utilizes a recirculating water system to capture or reuse water. This provision does not apply to bicycles and motorcycles. The use of potable water to clean the windshield, windows, or mirrors of a vehicle by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container is not prohibited.
9. **Drinking Water Served Upon Request Only.** Eating or drinking establishments, including but not limited to a restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria, bar, or other public place where food or drinks are sold, served, or offered for sale, are prohibited from providing drinking water to any person unless expressly requested.
10. **Commercial Lodging Establishments Must Provide Guests Option to Decline Daily Linen Services.** Hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments must provide customers the option of not having towels and linen laundered daily. Commercial lodging establishments must prominently display notice of this option in each bathroom using clear and easily understood language.
11. **No Installation of Single Pass Cooling Systems.** Installation of single pass cooling systems is prohibited in buildings requesting new water service.
12. **No Installation of Nonrecirculating in Commercial Car Wash and Laundry Systems.** Installation of nonrecirculating water systems is prohibited in new commercial conveyor car wash and new commercial laundry systems.
13. **Restaurants Required to Use Water Conserving Dish Wash Spray Valves.** Food preparation establishments, such as restaurants or cafes, are prohibited from using non-water conserving dish wash spray valves.
14. **Commercial Car Wash Systems.** Within one year of passage of this ordinance, all commercial conveyor car wash systems must have installed operational re-circulating water systems, or must have secured a waiver of this requirement from the city.
15. **Construction Activities.** Use of potable water for construction site dust control, compaction, and other site activities suitable for nonpotable water is prohibited if recycled water is available within five miles of the construction site.
16. **Plumbing System Testing.** Use of potable water for plumbing system testing is prohibited unless required by law or alternative testing procedures are determined to be unsuitable by city inspection staff.
17. **Pool Covers.** Constructing a pool without the inclusion of a pool cover is prohibited. All contracts for the construction of a new pool entered into after September 2, 2015 shall include the provision of a pool cover. Pools constructed after September 2, 2015 shall be covered at all times except when being actively used for recreational purposes or serviced.
18. **Limits on Filling Ornamental Lakes or Ponds.** Filling or refilling ornamental lakes or ponds with potable water is prohibited, except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life, provided that such animals are of significant value and have been actively managed within the water feature prior to declaration of a supply shortage level under this section.
19. **Recirculating Water Required for Water Slides and Water Play Features.** Operating a water slide or other water play feature that does not use recirculated water is prohibited.