

Stage I (Less than 10%)

To be implemented if the anticipated supply of water available to the City over the foreseeable future will be 10% less than the projected normal year demand. This stage combines voluntary water use reductions and specific water use restrictions including:

All Water Users

Prohibit the washing of concrete and other hard surfaces, including driveways, walkways and parking areas except as required to maintain health or safety;

Turn off decorative fountains, ponds, lakes and pools unless a water recycling system is used;

Retrofit indoor plumbing fixtures with low-flow devices if appropriate; encourage low-water-using fixtures when replacing existing fixtures;

Check faucets, toilets, pipes, irrigation systems and meters for leaks and repair immediately;

Reduce interior and exterior uses of water whenever possible to prevent water waste;

Require automatic cut-off valves on hoses when washing vehicles or other items outside;

Encourage installation of pool and spa covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation;

Discourage draining and refilling of pools and spas unless necessary for health and safety reasons;

Prohibit the indiscriminate running of water or washing with water which is wasteful and without reasonable purpose;

Implement a water waste penalty system.

Irrigation and Outdoor Water Use

Regulate irrigation on residences, golf courses, cemeteries, government, public and commercial facilities landscape areas to include:

Schedule irrigation times between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Adjust sprinklers and irrigation systems to avoid over-spray, run-off and waste;

Encourage the installation of low-water-using plants combined with hardscape materials and energy-efficient irrigation systems when installing or replacing landscapes; discourage replanting, if possible;

Do not allow water to run off landscaped areas into adjoining streets, sidewalks, parking lots or alleys;

Reduce irrigation times or frequency by 50% where possible;

Check faucets, pipes, irrigation systems and meters for leaks and repair immediately;

If outside water connections are available, require automatic cut-off valves on hoses;

Require vehicle washing be accomplished with a bucket rather than running hose to the extent possible;

Eliminate draining and refilling of decorative ponds and fountains unless necessary for health and safety reasons.

Commercial/Industrial Use/Public Agencies

Adhere to all restrictions applied to all water users, including irrigation and outdoor water use;

Make plumbing and irrigation adjustments as recommended;

Restaurants shall serve drinking water only upon request;

Review operational water use and determine possible alternatives, i.e. recirculating; automatic cut-off valves;

Prohibit water use for cleaning of hard surfaces except as necessary for health and safety reasons, or if a cleaning machine equipped to recycle water is used;

Evaluate necessity or frequency of high-water-using activities, such as window washing, exterior walls or other nonessential cleaning.