

CONSERVING WATER FOR OUR FUTURE
South Montebello Irrigation District



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Governor Galvin Newsom's march 28, 2022 executive order focuses on the ongoing drought in California. Californians are encouraged to conserve water when at all possible. The current goal is to save 20% of water that is normally used. The State of California will inform water systems like South Montebello Irrigation District on additional actions to take to enforce conservation methods in the coming days.

IN ORDER TO TRY TO CONSERVE WATER WE ARE ASKING OUR CUSTOMERS TO PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

How long and when can you water:

**ODD NUMBER ADDRESSES (Ex: 1601) MONDAY & THURSDAY
EVEN NUMBER ADDRESSES (Ex: 1602) TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

WATER ANY TIME BETWEEN 5:00 PM AND 9:00 AM (when the sun goes down is better to help eliminate evaporation)

WATER FOR ONLY 5-8 MINUTES PER SPRINKLER STATION OR IRRIGATION ZONE. WATER ONLY 10-15 MINUTES BY HAND WITH A WATER HOSE THAT HAS A SPRAY SHUT OFF NOZZLE.

WATER SAVING TIPS

1. MAKE IT A HABIT TO CHECK FOR LEAKS AROUND YOUR HOUSE OR YOUR BUSINESS AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. ADJUST YOUR SPRINKLER HEADS AND FIX YOUR LEAKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. **LEAKS CAN WASTE 12-15 GALLONS OF WATER EACH TIME YOU WATER OR EACH TIME THAT YOU USE THAT OBJECT WITH WATER.**
2. IF YOU HAVE **A SMALL LEAK** WHICH IS THE SIZE OF THE TIP OF A BALLPOINT PEN, **CAN WASTE AROUND 6, 300 GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH.**
3. DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU USE A BROOM OR LEAF BLOWER INSTEAD OF A WATER HOSE FOR SWEEPING YOUR DRIVEWAY YOU **WILL SAVE 6 GALLONS PER MINUTE.**
4. BY INSTALLING HIGH EFFICENCY TOILETS YOU **CAN SAVE APPROXIMATELY 6-35 GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY.**
5. DID YOU KNOW BY SHUTTING OFF THE WATER WHILE YOU ARE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH OR SHAVING YOUR FACE YOU **CAN SAVE AT LEAST 8 GALLONS OF WATER PER PERSON.**
6. MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT GENERALLY THE MAJOR USE OF HOUSEHOLD WATER IS USED FOR LANDSCAPING. WHICH IS WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER **PLANTING DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS.** THESE PLANTS **CAN SAVE YOU ANY WHERE FROM 30-60 GALLONS PER 1000 SQ FEET. THAT'S EACH TIME YOU WATER.**
7. DID YOU KNOW BY USING A DRIP IRRIGATION AND SMART CONTROOLLER SYSTEM YOU **CAN SAVE APPROXIMATELY 15 GALLONS OF WATER EACH TIME YOU WATER.**
8. IF YOU CHOSE TO KEEP YOUR TREES REMEMBER TO **USE MULCH.** ROUGHLY 4-6 INCHES OF MULCH IMPROVES VIGOR AND PROTECTS YOUR TREES. KEEP MULCH AWAY FROM TRUNKS AND STEMS. **MULCH DOES NOT COMPETE FOR WATER AND MOST IMPORTANTLY DOES NOT RADIATE HEAT LIKE ROCKS DO.**
9. SOAK YOUR LAWN, SHRUBS AND TRESS SLOWLY TO AVOID RUN-OFF. IF YOU OVER WATER THE SOIL IT WILL NOT SOAK IN AND IT WILL JUST LEAD TO

WATER RUN OFF AND WASTE. REMEMBER TO **WATER SLOWLY AND NOT AT A HIGH-PRESSURE SETTING.**

- 10. WHEN WASHING YOUR CAR AT HOME ALWAYS USE A BUCKET AND A LOW FLOW SHUT OFF NOZZLE SPRAY WHEN YOU NEED TO RINSE OFF YOUR CAR. TURN OFF YOUR NOZZLE SPRAY IN BETWEEN YOUR SCUBBING.**



REPORT WATER WASTE

YOU CAN ANONYMOUSLY REPORT WATER WASTE BY EMAILING US AT SMIDWATER@PACBELL.NET. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- DATE OF INCIDENT
- ADDRESS OF THE EXCESS WATER USE.
- TIME OF INCIDENT
- WHAT IS THE DURATION OF THE EXCESS WATER USE (Ex: 30 minutes)
- HOW FREQUENTLY DOES THIS HAPPEN (Ex: Twice a week, Mon & Sat)

IF YOU HAVE PICTURES, YOU CAN UPLOAD THEM HERE. PICTURES MUST HAVE TIME AND DATE ON THEM.

Please check our website for updates on the drought at :<https://smid.specialdistrict.org/>

Thank you for your help,

South Montebello Irrigation District