

Water Use Recommendations
For Drought Watch
April 21, 2004

Category of Use: Turf and Agricultural Watering

Use of potable water for turf and plantings should be minimized. All outdoor watering should be performed in a conservative manner and by efficient means.

Category of Use: Golf Courses and Athletic Fields

Use of potable water for turf and plantings should be minimized. All outdoor watering should be performed in a conservative manner and by efficient means. A drought management plan should be developed.

Recommendations: Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it should be used in lieu of potable water, in a conservative manner.

Category of Use: Miscellaneous Uses

Water should be served in public establishments only at the customer's request.

Water Use Recommendations and Restrictions For Drought Warning

April 21, 2004

Category of Use: Turf Watering

Use of potable water for turf watering should be limited to between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. by any efficient means and only for newly sodded or seeded areas. Newly sodded or seeded means planted less than one year.

Recommendations: Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it should be used in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner.

Category of Use: Agricultural Watering

Use of potable water for watering of outdoor plants should be limited to new plantings. New plantings are those less than one year old. New plantings should be watered either manually or with soaker hoses. Irrigation bags or similar devices are recommended for trees and other individual plants. Nursery stock should be watered by any efficient means. Watering required in earthworks projects shall be done under officially approved plans.

Recommendations: Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it should be used in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner.

Category of Use: Golf Courses and Athletic Fields

Use of potable water should be limited to between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. for tees, greens, and fairways to prevent damage. Water conservation measures and the use of drought best management practices should be used to reduce water use. Drought management plans should be finalized. Watering of grass or clay courts and athletic fields should be limited to between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Recommendations: Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it should be used in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner on tees, greens and fairways.

Category of Use: Miscellaneous Uses

Water shall be served in public establishments only at the customer's request. Use of potable water for washing private vehicles is permitted only by the use of a bucket and a hose with a flow-control nozzle. The use of potable water for washing paved surfaces is prohibited, except for sanitation.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions For Drought Emergency

April 21, 2004

Category of Use: Turf Watering

The use of potable water for watering of established turf is prohibited. However, the following uses of potable water are permitted, only to the minimum extent necessary to prevent damage:

Use of potable water for turf watering shall be limited to between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. by any efficient means and only for newly sodded or seeded areas. (Individual water providers have the authority to limit usage to other time periods for demand management purposes.) Newly sodded or seeded means planted less than one year and prior to the declaration of drought emergency. Landscaping work over 10,000 square feet, under contract as of the declaration of drought emergency, may be watered by any efficient means. Pesticides may be watered-in within 2 days of application and only between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. using the recommended rate. Sprinkler system companies may test newly installed systems up to 10 minutes per zone and shall display a sign on the premises stating testing is occurring.

Exceptions: Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it must be used in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner.

Category of Use: Agricultural Watering

The use of potable water for watering of established plants and trees is prohibited. However, the following uses of potable water are permitted, only to the minimum extent necessary to prevent damage:

Use of potable water is allowed for production of food, fiber, nursery stock, sod, flowers, livestock, and poultry, otherwise newly planted outdoor plants may only be watered manually or with soaker hoses, and only between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. with the user in attendance. Newly planted means less than one year old. Nursery stock may be watered by any efficient means for only 2 periods per day totaling no more 6 hours, with no more than 10 minutes of syringing of stressed plants between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m. Public gardens may be watered by any efficient means to prevent damage. Watering required in earthworks projects shall be done under officially approved plans.

Exceptions: Irrigation bags or similar devices may be used for trees and other individual plants. Commercial plantings may have maintenance periods longer than one year after planting as required under contract. Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it must be used in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner.

Category of Use: Golf Courses and Athletic Fields

Use of potable water is allowed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. and only for tees and greens to prevent damage. Watering of grass or clay courts and athletic fields is allowed only between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. to maintain playability.

Exceptions: Daytime syringing for heat sensitive grasses is permitted to prevent damage. Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it must be used in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner for tees, greens and fairways.

Category of Use: Miscellaneous Uses

Water shall be served in public establishments only at the customer's request.

The use of potable water for non-commercial washing of private vehicles is prohibited.

The use of potable water for washing paved surfaces is prohibited, except for sanitation.

Flushing of water mains or hydrants is prohibited except for public protection purposes and only by authorized personnel.

The use of potable water for filling of swimming pools is prohibited except for filling of therapeutic pools or to prevent structural damage to new pools.

The use of potable water for topping off swimming pools is permitted only to the extent necessary to maintain proper filtration.

Exceptions: Where a source of non-potable water exists at the location of use it shall be used, when appropriate, in lieu of potable water in a conservative manner.