

Permanent, Year-round Water Conservation Measures and Prohibitions Against Water Waste

Watering of Lawns & Plants

- Watering is prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day except for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system *
- Watering is limited to 15 minutes per station per day *
- Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area is prohibited when it is currently raining or there is a forecasted chance of rain of fifty (50) percent or higher

Other Restrictions

- No excessive water flow or runoff that causes or allows water to flow onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter or ditch
- No washing down hard or paved surfaces except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards
- No excessive use, loss or escape of water through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system
- Re-circulating water required for water fountains and decorative water features
- Washing vehicles limited to use of a hand-held bucket or similar container and/or a hand-held hose equipped with an automatic shut-off water nozzle or device

The following Shortage Stages may be declared to respond to local or regional water shortage conditions and emergencies.

Stage 1

- Watering: 3 days/week. Odd numbered addresses can irrigate M-W-F, & even numbered addresses on T-TH-SAT. No irrigation on Sundays. *

Stage 2

- Apr.-Oct.: watering limited to 3 days/week Nov.-Mar.: watering limited to 2 days/week. Odd numbered addresses -MON & FRI, and even numbered addresses -TUES and SAT. No irrigation on Sundays *
- Leaks must be corrected in no more than 2 calendar days of receiving notice from the District

Stage 3

- Apr.-Oct.: watering limited to 2 days/week (MON and FRI, or TUES and SAT). Nov.-Mar.: watering limited to 1 day/week, in which odd numbered addresses are permitted to irrigate on Monday only and even numbered addresses are permitted to irrigate Saturday only *
- Re-filling of more than one foot, and initial filling of residential swimming pools or outdoor spas is prohibited

Stage 4

- No watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water. (For exceptions to this restriction, see full text of ordinance)
- Leaks must be corrected in no more than 1 day of receiving notice from the District
- Upon declaration of a Stage 4 Water Supply Shortage Emergency, no new water service will be provided except to protect the public health, safety, and welfare

Water Conservation Stages

Stage 1	Minimum Water Shortage Reduce usage by 10%
Stage 2	Moderate Water shortage Reduce usage by 10%- 20%
Stage 3	Severe Water Shortage Reduce usage 20-35%
Stage 4	Critical Water Shortage Reduce usage more than 35%

Violations

Violations of any ordinance items must be personally observed by members of the District staff. The fines for such violations will be collected on the water bill. Failure to pay a fine amount will be treated as nonpayment of the water bill and water service may be terminated as a result. Protests for violations are allowable per Section 8 of the ordinance. The fines for such violations are as follows:

- **1st Violation** - YLWD will hand deliver a door hanger to the location of the violation and mail a notice to the current billing address
- **2nd Violation** - A 2nd violation within 12 calendar months of the 1st violation is punishable by a penalty of \$100
- **3rd Violation** - A 3rd violation within 12 calendar months of the first or 2nd violation is punishable by a penalty of \$250
- **4th and Subsequent Violations** - a 4th and any subsequent violation within 12 calendar months of the first or any subsequent violation is punishable by a fine of \$500
 - In addition to any fines, the District may install a water flow restrictor device
 - In addition to any fines and the installation of a water flow restrictor, the District may disconnect a customer's water service for willful violations of mandatory restrictions

Hardship Variance

If, due to unique circumstances, a specific requirement of the ordinance would result in undue hardship, a customer may apply for a variance, according to section 6 of the ordinance, at www.ylwd.com or the District Offices.

*Landscape irrigation systems that exclusively use very low-flow drip irrigation where no emitter produces more than 2 gallons of water per hour, and weather based controllers or stream rotor sprinklers that meet a 70% efficiency standard are exempt from these restrictions.

What's Going On?

In response to Governor Schwarzenegger's Emergency Proclamation asking all water users to reduce their consumption by 20%, as well as the MWD's 15% supply cut to Orange County, the Yorba Linda Water District, in cooperation with the Citizens Advisory Committee has drafted a water conservation ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to prevent the waste of District water and to protect the health and safety of water users within the Yorba Linda Water District. The ordinance outlines permanent, year-round water conservation measures and prohibitions against water waste, as well as a four part contingency plan which can be implemented in stages upon the declaration of water shortages. Violations of any provisions of the ordinance that are observed by members of the District staff will result in penalties that will begin with a warning, and follow with fines for subsequent violations. Adhering to the terms of the ordinance will not only allow you to avoid fines, but you will be doing your part to help us avoid extreme restrictions in a water shortage that affects us all.



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www.H2Oconserve.org

Information on water scarcity, quality and conservation
www.bewaterwise.com

Water saving opportunities in your home
www.h2ouse.org/

Important Phone Numbers
Customer Service: (714) 701-3000
Emergency: (714) 701-3000

For More information about the ordinance, please contact:
Phone: (714) 701-3024
Email: info@ylwd.com

If you would like to report a possible violation, please contact:
Phone: (714) 701-3029
Email: info@ylwd.com

The Ordinance will go into effect on July 1, 2009. Violations of any provisions of the ordinance that are observed by members of the District staff will result in fines that will be collected on the water bill. This brochure is a summary of the residential elements in the ordinance. To read the full text of the ordinance, please visit the Yorba Linda Water District website at www.ylwd.com



Water Conservation Ordinance



District Customers

Thank you for helping
to conserve water!

Have questions about the ordinance?
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