

YORBA LINDA WATER DISTRICT

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Imported water supply to be temporarily curtailed

District asks consumers to use less water

Nearly half of Orange County's water supply will be unavailable between March 25 and March 31 due to scheduled maintenance and improvements to the Robert B. Diemer Filtration Plant in Yorba Linda. The plant treats all of the imported Colorado River and northern California water supplied to the county.

Yorba Linda Water District and other water providing agencies are asking all residents and businesses to curtail "non-essential" use of water during this seven day period to insure that water reserves are not depleted. "Non-essential" use of water is defined as including lawn watering and other landscape irrigation, home washing of vehicles, and hosing down driveways and other hard surfaces.

The District is working with the City of Yorba Linda and the Placentia-Linda Unified School District to turn off their landscape irrigation connections. Lawns and

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other landscape can easily tolerate an absence of irrigation during cool weeks of early spring. The planned shut-down will be implemented by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which owns and operates the Diemer Plant. The Yorba Linda area gets approximately 50% of its water from this source.

Yorba Linda Water District will operate its wells at maximum capacity to maintain an adequate water supply in the greater Yorba Linda and Placentia communities. All of the District's reservoirs will be topped-off before the shut-down begins, according to District General Manager Michael Payne.

Yorba Linda Water District may supply local well water to areas of the community that are normally served with imported water. Residents living generally east of Fairmont Boulevard may notice a slightly different taste to their tap water during the shut-down event. This is nothing to be concerned about – water from different sources has its own taste characteristics.

Customers wanting more information about the shut-down or tips on how to use less water can call District Public Information Officer Mike Robinson at 714-701-3020.

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Yorba Linda Water District is an independent special district that provides water and sewer services to portions of Yorba Linda, Placentia, Brea, Anaheim and unincorporated Orange County.

