



El Toro Water District Must Reduce Water Use By 24%. Act Now: Conserve Water Indoors and Out!



With no end to the drought in sight, Gov. Jerry Brown has issued an executive order mandating water conservation. Collectively, El Toro Water District customers must reduce use

by 24%. Failing that, ETWD faces penalties up to \$10,000 a day, which must be passed along to customers.

Fact Sheet

Easy Ways to Save Water and Keep Your Bill Low

SUMMER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME TO SAVE WATER – SO DEVELOP EFFICIENT HABITS TODAY.

OUTDOORS

- **Already water three days a week?** Try watering only two. Watering one less day reduces your outdoor watering by 33%, which goes a long way toward meeting our goal.
- **Ask a landscaper** to ensure your irrigation timer is set correctly. Try shortening the amount of time you run each irrigation station.
- **Convert sprinklers to drip irrigation** lines for flowers, plants and trees.
- **Reduce the need for irrigation.** Fall is the time to remove grass and replace it with native and California-friendly plants. Need ideas? Click "Garden Spot" on www.bewaterwise.com.

INDOORS

- **Check for leaks.** Listen for leaks and running toilets. Fix or report them as soon as possible.
- **Shorten your showers.** A two-minute reduction can save 700 gallons a month.
- **Run only full loads** in the washer and dishwasher. Save 300-800 gallons a month.
- **While you wait for hot water** to come out of the tap or shower, capture the water in a bucket and use it later to water plants.

MORE TIPS & DROUGHT INFO

See our new, improved website, www.ETWD.com.

The ETWD Board of Directors have taken necessary steps to ensure your success and want you to know:

- Indoors, each household is currently budgeted 60 gallons per person per day. Under the new plan, your allocation will be permanently reduced to 55 gallons per person per day.
- Outdoors, the plan applies a 50% "drought factor" adjustment to water budgets for each household and each dedicated irrigation meter customer. In other words, your outdoor budget will be cut in half.
- If your household's water consumption is at or below the total CCF budgeted for your Tier 1 (indoor) and Tier 2 (outdoor) use, you pay the lowest rates. If you exceed that budget you pay a price: At Tier 3, your rate nearly doubles. At Tier 4, it nearly triples.

Level-1 Assigned Watering Days

APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31

MAXIMUM 3 DAYS PER WEEK

Aliso Viejo	MON	THUR	SAT OR SUN
Laguna Hills	TUE	FRI	SAT OR SUN
Laguna Woods	TUE	FRI	SAT OR SUN
Lake Forest	TUE	FRI	SAT OR SUN
Mission Viejo	MON	THUR	SAT OR SUN

NOVEMBER 1 - MARCH 31

MAXIMUM 1 DAY PER WEEK (any day)

We're on Level 1 Water Alert. This means you may water lawns and landscape no more than three days a week. Also, the following permanent mandatory water conservation measures are in effect:

- Do not water between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., except by hand using a hose with a shutoff nozzle.
- Use a broom! Do not water down sidewalks, driveways, patios or other hard surfaces.
- Do not run your hose while washing your vehicle. Use a bucket and a shutoff nozzle, or visit a carwash.
- Do not water when it's raining or for 48 hours afterward.
- Repair leaks and breaks as soon as possible.
- Do not allow runoff onto hard surfaces.