



NEWS RELEASE

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STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVED URGENT ORDINANCE ADDITIONAL WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

(Stockton, CA) - The State of California is in the fourth year of a record-setting drought. Stockton residents have done a good job of conserving water supplies, saving on average 14 percent per month based on 2013 usage. On Tuesday, May 19, the Stockton City Council approved additional changes to Stockton's Water Conservation Ordinance (SMC 13.28) in response to the Governor's Drought Emergency Declaration and to meet the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board. The following list of regulations, include all existing and new water conservation measures, and are effective immediately:

Watering - Exterior Irrigation

- No watering - between 11a - 6p or within 48 hours of measurable rainfall
- Even numbered addresses - Tuesday and Fridays only
- Odd numbered addresses - Mondays and Thursdays only
- Locations without addresses - Monday and Thursdays only
- Water leaks - must be corrected within 24 hours of discovery/notifications
- Wasteful running of water/washing with water - unlawful, without reasonable purpose

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Other - Exterior Uses

- Buildings and mobile home exterior (with water) - only with bucket and sponge
- Cars and Vehicles - using positive shut-off nozzle only on assigned watering days & times
- Fountains (public/commercial locations) - operated only with recirculated water
- Outside surfaces - driveways, sidewalks, patios, parking lots & other surfaces; only with pressurized sidewalk cleaning equipment for sanitation, public health/safety & fire protection
- Repairing/Repainting - pressurized washing device with quick action, positive shut-off
- Pool draining/refilling - must obtain permit; only for protection of public health/safety

Additional Business (Commercial and Industrial) and Fire Hydrants

- Car washes (commercial) - must use reclaimed soap and water (no day restrictions)
- Hotels and motels- must provide option to refuse daily towel & linen laundering
- Restaurants - water served only upon customer request
- Dust control - use of potable water not allowed, except for public health/safety
- Fire hydrant - use of potable water not allowed (unless no alternate/recycled water sources are available) except by Fire protection agencies for fire suppression or by responsible water agencies

Water waste or violations can be reported online through AskStockton on the City's Home page at www.stocktongov.com, using the "Report Water Wasting" link in the "Quick

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Connections” box, or by calling City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department at 1-866-STOKWTR (866-786-5987). The City will attempt to resolve initial water waste issues for a location with the responsible property owner, tenant or manager. The State allows water suppliers to fine violators up to \$500 for each day that a violation occurs. Water suppliers can be fined of up to \$10,000 per day, per violation, for violating the State Emergency Regulations.

The State of California Water Resources Control Board will continue to review water conservation. Additional restrictions may apply in the future.

For questions about water conservation within the City of Stockton, please call 1-866-STOKWTR (866-786-5987) or visit www.stocktongov.com/savewater.

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