



# MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS - WATER USE REDUCTION



## Stage III Water Shortage Emergency Information

The Goleta Water District Board of Directors declared a Stage III Water Shortage Emergency on May 12, 2015. The District has updated watering times and mandatory water use restrictions to ensure adequate supplies for drinking, health, and public safety.

### *Stage III water use restrictions include:*

- ◆ Outdoor landscape irrigation *remains* limited to no more than two times per week during early morning or late evening hours, and no irrigation is allowed for 48 hours after it rains:
  - Manual watering (including with a sprinkler attached to a hose) is *now* only allowed before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m., any two days per week.
  - Use of fixed (i.e. installed) sprinkler systems must comply with the following updated schedule:
    - Residential properties may water Wednesdays and Saturdays, before 6 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
    - Commercial and institutional properties may water Tuesdays and Fridays, before 6 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
  - Public parks, athletic fields, and golf courses may *now* water no more than two days per week, before 6 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
- ◆ Hotels, motels, and other lodging are *now* required to post water shortage notices, and refrain from daily linen washing unless specifically requested by the patron.
- ◆ Agricultural customers using overhead spray irrigation outdoors are *now* restricted to before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

### *The following water use restrictions remain in effect:*

- ◆ Hoses must be equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- ◆ Direct application of water to sidewalks, pavements, open ground, or other hard surfaced area is generally prohibited.
- ◆ Washing buildings, dwellings or other structures is generally prohibited.
- ◆ Vehicles and boats may only be washed at commercial car washing facilities or with a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- ◆ Use of water in outdoor fountains, reflection ponds, and decorative water features is prohibited unless located on a residential property or home to aquatic life as of September 9, 2014.
- ◆ Restaurants and other food establishments may not serve water unless specifically requested by the patron.
- ◆ Gyms, athletic clubs, public pools, and other similar establishments are encouraged to post water shortage notices at their facilities and promote shortened showers.

In addition, water waste is prohibited, including irrigating in a manner resulting in runoff from the property, and allowing water to escape from plumbing breaks for more than 48 hours.

Repeated violations will be penalized with fines ranging from \$100 up to \$500 following a warning and written notice. The District Board also amended the District Code to further specify unlawful uses of water, such as through a fire hydrant or fire line, through a waterline with no meter, or from another account holder or property.

For more information, including a complete list of restrictions and specific exceptions, visit

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