

Drought Response: Outdoor Water Use Restricted



Securing Your Water Supply

Mandatory Outdoor Water Reductions

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Governor's Emergency Regulations Result In Mandatory Outdoor Water Reductions

In the face of continuing drought, every water agency in California must implement measures to comply with Governor Brown's April 1, 2015, Executive Order. For Western Municipal Water District customers this means severely limiting outdoor water use, effective immediately. **Customers' outdoor budgets will be reduced by 30 percent.** As long as this Executive Order is in effect, the water used above your reduced water budget will be billed at the Tier 5 rate.

How to Reduce Outdoor Water

In non-drought years, your efforts would have met water efficiency goals, but California's four-year drought is exceptional and calls for extraordinary measures. Continue to follow restrictions required over the last several years, such as repairing leaks and eliminating runoff. Please note additional ways to reduce your water use and stay in budget on the reverse side of this announcement. Western offers *free* drought response support to help you make changes to reduce the water use in your landscape. Visit wmwd.com for more information.



Water lawns three days per week or less in the summer; two days per week or less in the winter.

Western recommends reducing your outdoor watering by 50 percent.

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Example

Typical customer August bill

- Three people in home
- 4,876 square feet of irrigated area
- 3/4" meter
- Tier 1 & 2 budget = 31 units
- Total water bill = \$116.54

**30% Outdoor
Budget
Reduction**

**Save
\$20.38**

**Increase
\$21.59**

**Without
Reducing**

Outdoor Reduction Measures — Ways to Reduce Your Water Use And Stay in Budget

- Wait until fall to install any new plants.
- Continue to water trees thoroughly once every four weeks by soaking the area 1-inch from the trunk and 1-inch outside the drip line of the tree canopy.
- Water shrubs, young trees and roses no more than once each week. Create a basin around the plant and fill it with three to four gallons of water, allowing it to soak in slowly.
- Add a 4-inch layer of wood chip mulch to all soil areas. Keep mulch six inches from trunks.
- Don't prune plants except to remove a hazard. Pruning stimulates growth that requires more water.
- Don't fertilize plants. Fertilizer stimulates new growth.
- For a complete listing of measures, please visit wmwd.com and click on drought.



A Western customer's yard after conversion to climate-appropriate landscaping.

Questions?

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Indoor Reduction Measures

- Catch unused water in a bucket (example: water that's running from a faucet while waiting for it to heat). Use it to water plants.

Enforcement, Potential Penalties

Western will provide two notices of outdoor water use violation, then a penalty will apply. Please see Western's drought page on our website for more info — wmwd.com.