

DROUGHT CONTINUES: LIMIT OUTDOOR WATER USE

In light of severe and persistent drought conditions, Governor Jerry Brown on April 1, 2015 ordered mandatory statewide 25 percent reduction in water use (as compared to 2013 levels) through February 28, 2016.

The State Water Resources Control Board has since adopted conservation targets for specific communities throughout the state, based on their average per-capita water use in September 2014.

Thanks to high levels of water conservation in Zone 7 Water Agency's service area over the past year, the community is already in a position to meet the state's mandatory conservation targets by

simply continuing last year's water-saving measures. Keep up the good work!

For our community...

...it's essentially a matter of staying the course.

Even though Zone 7 will have enough water in 2015 to meet all of its retailers' demands without the state-mandated conservation, the community is required to conserve at the levels established by the State. The good news is that conserving water makes it available next year if the drought continues.

What are YOU required to do to conserve water?

WASHING OUTDOOR SURFACES



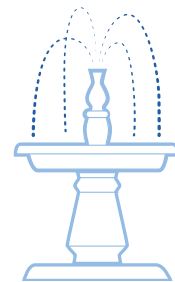
Do not use potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways.

CAR WASHING



Only use a hose with a shutoff nozzle to wash your car.

WATER FEATURES



Do not use potable water in decorative water features unless they recirculate the water.

LIMIT WATERING TO NO MORE THAN TWICE A WEEK!



- Do not allow runoff when irrigating with potable water.
- Do not irrigate outdoors during and within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.

Check with your local water utility for restrictions specific to your community, and for other water saving resources!

(see reverse for more information) ➡



YOUR LOCAL WATER UTILITY

Check with your local water utility for additional local water-use restrictions that may apply.

City of Pleasanton

www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/os/env/water/default.asp

City of Livermore

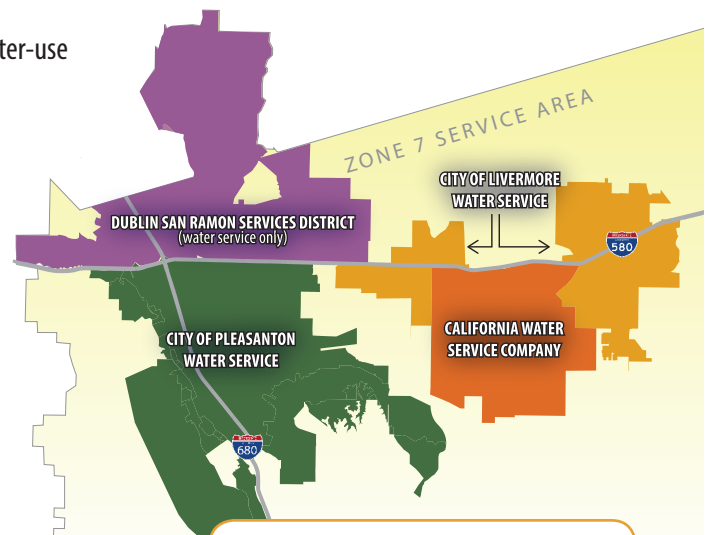
www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/pw/public_works_divisions/wrd/default.asp

California Water Service Company

www.calwater.com/conservation/drought

Dublin San Ramon Services District

www.dsrsd.com/outreach/drought-watch-water-conservation



Zone 7 is the water wholesaler for these four retailers, and manages the region's groundwater.

TOP WAYS TO SAVE WATER AT HOME

1. Minimize landscape watering (no more than twice per week) and water during early morning hours when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation. Be sure to comply with state and local restrictions on irrigation.
2. Check your home's water meter to see if you have a leak. For help on how to check your meter go to www.h2ouse.org/resources/meter/index.cfm, or contact your water utility.
3. Replace your lawn with a drought-tolerant garden (check for rebates); mulch around plants to retain moisture.
4. Fix leaky faucets and install low-flow faucet aerators.
5. Wash only full loads of laundry or dishes, and replace your old clothes washer with a high-efficiency model. Check for rebates.
6. Fix leaky toilet(s) or replace with a new high-efficiency model(s) if your toilet was installed before 1994. Check for potential rebates.
7. Take shorter showers; install a low-flow showerhead.
8. Check your landscape irrigation system frequently, and adjust sprinklers so they water only your lawn, and not the sidewalk or street. Repair broken heads quickly.
9. Adjust your irrigation system controller (timer) for shorter, less frequent watering schedules.
10. Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation when pool is not being used.

ONLINE RESOURCES

WEBSITES-GENERAL & PLUMBING

General Water-Wise Tips

www.h2ouse.org

www.saveourwater.com

www.epa.gov/watersense

Plumbing

www.diynetwork.com/plumbing/index.html

www.theplumber.com/handbook.html

OUTDOORS

General & Gardening

www.saveourwater.com/what-you-can-do

www.stopwaste.org

www.trivalleywaterwise.com

www.sunset.com/garden/garden-basics

www.bayfriendlycoalition.org

POTENTIAL REBATES

Check with Zone 7 at www.zone7water.com, or with your water utility.

RECYCLED WATER IS THE UNINTERRUPTIBLE SUPPLY

Some wastewater receives advanced treatment and is recycled to irrigate parks, school grounds, golf courses, and roadway medians. These areas may remain green, even during droughts, because they do not use drinking water for irrigation.

Recycled water keeps a local resource local and reduces water imports and wastewater pumping. Every gallon of recycled water used for irrigation saves a gallon of precious drinking water.

