

# WATER RESTRICTIONS

In 2021, Governor Newsom proclaimed states of emergency across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions. He issued Executive Order N-7-22 on March 28, 2022. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted a statewide emergency water conservation regulation on May 24, 2022, which prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate “non-functional turf” at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites.



Effective October 1, 2022, VVCSD Water Restrictions consist of:

1. Irrigation is recommended before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m., and no more than two days a week (*customers select which days*).
2. Overwatering so that water flows onto adjacent properties, non-irrigated areas, walkways, roads, and driveways is to be avoided.
3. Irrigation during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall is prohibited.
4. Potable water is not to be used to clean outdoor hard surfaces, with exemptions for dangerous substances and commercial steam cleaning.
5. All water leaks must be fixed as soon as possible after notification by VVCSD.
6. A shut-off nozzle is required when washing a vehicle.
7. Restaurants may only serve water to customers when they request it.
8. Hotels must offer their guests the option of not having their linens and towels laundered daily.

Exceptions:

1. Potable water may be used to irrigate trees throughout the week, on an as-needed basis. Deep soaking with a hose is preferred.
2. Potable water may be used to prepare athletic fields before athletic contests for health and safety, throughout the week, on an as-needed basis.
3. Potable water may be used for new construction between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m., throughout the week, per agreement between VVCSD and the developer.
4. Other exceptions as approved by the General Manager.

Enforcement:

1. VVCSD Ordinance §2.3.2.3. allows the District to discontinue water service, after 48 hours notice, to any premises practicing negligent or wasteful use of water.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board may impose a fine of \$500 per day for using potable water to irrigate “non-functional turf” at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites.

For more information, visit the State Water Resources Control Board Emergency Water Conservation Portal at <https://bit.ly/3cWN79t>

To find out how you can qualify for rebates or receive free water-saving devices, please visit <https://bit.ly/3x6p9Q5>, call us at (805) 733-2475, or stop by our office at 3745 Constellation Road.

**Vandenberg Village Community Services District is proud to promote a conservation ethic with rebates, grants, and FREE water conservation devices.**