

Sierra Lakes County Water District Water Conservation Requirements

Sierra Lakes County Water District is requiring water conservation measures be implemented on the summit and continues to respond to California's severe drought conditions and the increasing demand on SLCWD's water supply.

In May of 2015 the Sierra Lakes County Water District adopted Resolution 2015-825, Implementing Mandatory Water Conservation Measures to help the District manage the effects of a prolonged drought.

In February of 2018 the Sierra Lakes County Water District adopted Division XI to the District's Code of Ordinances pertaining specifically to Water Conservation.

Both documents remain in effect and in addition to the water conservation measures contained therein, all SLCWD customers are asked to further reduce their water consumption by an additional 15% as compared to 2020.

Specific water conservation measures in are outlined under Division XI – Water Conservation in Chapter 2 of the District's Code of Ordinances on our website at www.slcwd.org. These requirements include but are not limited to:

- Water from the District's water distribution system shall not be allowed to pool, pond or run-off of applied areas.
- Water leaks from all owner equipment and facilities are prohibited.
- Water shall not be allowed to continually run in any unoccupied premises.
- Potable water shall not be applied to any driveway or sidewalk.
- Using a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle, is prohibited.
- Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated, is prohibited.
- Outdoor irrigation during, and 48 hours following, measurable precipitation and at intervals other than as established by the Board is prohibited.
- Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Buildings Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development is prohibited.

- Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water shall be limited to no more than two days per week (Tuesday and Saturday for addresses ending with an odd number and Wednesday and Sunday for addresses ending with an even number).

Working Together We Can All Make A Difference

Implementing water conservation measures is an environmentally sound way to protect and conserve our water resources and ensure the continued supply and reliability of drinking water as well as providing capacity for fire suppression.

Every Drop Counts – Use Every Drop Wisely

Landscape irrigation represents the largest demand on SLCWD’s water supply, and proactively managing irrigation practices can dramatically reduce water consumption. There are also many other simple actions you can take to help us save water, replenish our underground aquifer, prepare for the uncertainties of climate change, and minimize the harmful effects of drought.

Try some of these water conservation measures to help conserve our shared and valuable water resources:

Water Conservation Measure	Typical Water Savings
Use mulch around trees and plants	750 to 1,500 gallons/month
Water during cool parts of the day	300 gallons/month
Fix leaky faucets and toilets	110 gallons/month
Install low flow showerheads	15 gallons/ten minutes
Run full loads of laundry	15-45 gallons/month
Shutoff when brushing teeth/doing dishes	10 gallons/day
Install aerators on faucets	1.2 gallons/day
Install water efficient appliances	13,000 gallons/year
Use shutoff valves and nozzles for outdoor water use	15,000 gallons/year

Property owners are eligible for a \$125 rebate when an older toilet (3-5 gallons per flush) is replaced with a low-flow unit (1.6 gallons per flush or less) and a \$25 rebate when an irrigation controller timer is installed.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Operations & Maintenance Staff, thank you for your cooperation and support. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about water conservation or the water and sewer system in general please don't hesitate to contact us.