

ENHANCING YOUR WATER USE EFFICIENCY

Californians commonly experience drought cycles due to our arid climate. These patterns have heightened our awareness of our water use efficiency and have made conservation a way of life. With another year of severely dry weather, Governor Gavin Newsom this summer asked residents to VOLUNTARILY reduce their water use by 15 percent.

Whether you've made small behavioral changes like only doing full loads of dishes and laundry, purchasing a Flume water monitoring device and promptly fixing leaks, or larger actions such as using one of our rebates programs to purchase high-efficiency household appliances or complete a lawn makeover converting your lawn to a drought tolerant garden, most of us do our part every day to use water wisely.

Although, the San Diego region continues to have reliable water supplies due to decades of conservation efforts and ratepayer investments, there are always ways to enhance your water use efficiency. While the Water Authority's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Level 1 calls for 10% voluntary water savings, the agency is supporting the governor's call for a 15% reduction. Due to the Governor's declaration of a STATEWIDE water shortage SDCWA, Metropolitan Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District and agencies across all of Southern California have implemented their Level 1 WSCP.

To make the most of every drop access tools and program by visiting www.bewaterwise.com/ or www.sdcwa.org/your-water/conservation/resources.

Resources include:

- Water-use efficient landscape classes for residential and professional landscapers
- Rebates for indoor and outdoor water saving devices
- Rebates for turf replacement
- Water-use checkups for homes and businesses that include water-saving recommendations
- Water-wise garden inspiration
- And tons of helpful tips



For more information on the Flume water monitoring rebate program please go to www.rainbowmwd.com/flume-water-monitoring-device-program.



Important 10 Percent Voluntary Conservation Order Details

In response to the Governor's declared drought emergency, as well as actions taken by MWD and SDCWA, the Rainbow Board of Directors unanimously voted to implement the Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan and declared a Level 1 shortage. During a Level 1 water shortage all customers are asked to make voluntary reductions in water use – no allocations have been established.

Water demand reduction actions implemented during a Level 1 water shortage scenario include but are not limited to the following:

- Prohibit potable water usage outdoors that causes excessive runoff.
- Prohibit the use of hoses without a fitting/nozzle to shut off the flow of water when not in use (This does not apply to commercial growers and nurseries).
- Prohibit the use of potable water in fountains and other decorative water features except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Prohibit outdoor watering during or within a 48-hour measurable rainfall (This does not apply to commercial growers and nurseries).
- Prohibit the serving of drinking water at restaurants, hotels, cafes etc. unless by request.
- Prohibit the use of potable water for ornamental turf on public street medians.
- Limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three (3) days per week (This also does not apply to commercial growers and nurseries).

To see the Level 1 reduction action details in full please go to www.rainbowmwd.com/rmwd-water-shortage-contingency-plan-wscp

JOIN IN AND GET INVOLVED

We know high water costs can be difficult and we are always looking for your input to see what we can do differently. At RMWD we want you to get involved! Every month volunteer ratepayers lead three separate committees providing you an opportunity to be involved and provide direct input on the District's activities and decision making.



Currently we have openings in all three of these committees, Budget and Finance, Engineering and Operations, Communications and Customer Service. The meeting calendar, agendas, past meeting minutes, and Zoom link to join virtually can be found on our website at www.rainbowmwd.com/meetings or contact Dawn Washburn at (760) 728-1178 ext. 129 or by email at dwashburn@rainbowmwd.com for more information. We hope to see you at our next meeting.