



IMPORTANT WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

On March 28, 2022, Executive Order N-10-22 signed by the Governor of California stopped short of a statewide water conservation mandate and gave local agencies the latitude to act based on their own water supplies. As efficient water use is a way of life here in San Diego County many questions and concerns arise during these dry seasons regarding water restrictions.

Newsom's order encourages urban water suppliers to conserve more than required by emergency regulations and to voluntarily activate more stringent local requirements. And requests that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) consider a ban on the watering of decorative grass at businesses and institutions. The District's water use restrictions below are irrespective of drought conditions.

RMWD strongly encourages customers to follow these water-saving measures including the implementation of irrigation schedules.

- Don't use 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.
- Ensure outdoor water use does not cause excessive runoff.
- Don't water during or within a 48-hour measurable rainfall. This does not apply to commercial growers and nurseries.
- Don't serve drinking water at restaurants, hotels, cafes, etc. unless by request.
- Don't use potable water for irrigating turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, such as grass in front of or next to large industrial or commercial buildings.
- 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.

State officials have indicated that mandatory water use restrictions will be imposed if the current methods are not effective in reducing statewide potable water demands.

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Some of the takeaways pertaining to action by the SWRCB and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on future water demands are:

- The order directs the SWRCB and Regional Water Quality Control Boards to accelerate approval for groundwater recharge and storage projects.
- Directs DWR to prepare for the potential creation and implementation of a multiyear transfer program pilot project to store and convey water to areas of need.
- Directs state agencies to submit proposals to mitigate worsening effects of drought including wastewater recycling, groundwater recharge, and water use efficiency.

These actions are a welcome addition and a long-needed approach to expanding our local water supplies.

While Executive Order N-7-22 is an emergency measure and therefore remains in effect only for the duration of the declared emergency. It is important to note that permanent water use restrictions remain in effect regardless of the drought status. For more information on how to conserve go to www.saveourwater.com.

Please note that allocations for PSAWR customers apply in the event of supply allocations from the Metropolitan Water District and SDCWA. However, should the State mandate cutbacks for agricultural customers other restrictions may apply.

Please go to our website at www.rainbowmwd.com/current-water-shortage-conservation-order for any updates.

There are numerous low to NO cost programs available to our customers to assist with increasing your water use efficiency. For more information about these programs please go to our website at www.rainbowmwd.com/programs

ANNUAL CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

We are pleased to announce our annual water quality report is now available. Once again, we provided our customers with consistently high-quality drinking water throughout 2020. This annual water quality report shows how the District continues to meet or exceed all drinking water quality standards established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

What is a Consumer Confidence Report? A Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as a water quality report or drinking water quality report, provides you with important information about the quality of your drinking water.

How do I get a copy?

The report can be downloaded from our website at www.rainbowmwd.com. Copies are also available at the District office at 3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook

