

VOLUNTARY WATER REDUCTION NOTICE

Due to a statewide and local drought condition, the Newport Public Works Department is requesting a voluntary water reduction notice for anyone who receives water from the Newport Municipal Water System. Here are some suggestions on how to reduce water consumption:

Residential water consumers can reduce water consumption in the following ways:

- Reduce watering of lawns, outdoor gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs, and other outdoor plants.
- Reduce washing of automobiles, streets, driveways and sidewalks.
- Reduce ornamental water use to include: fountains, artificial waterfalls, and reflecting pools.
- Reduce use of fire hydrants by fire companies for testing fire apparatus.
- Reduce use of water to fill and top off swimming pools.
- Locate and repair all known leaks in faucets, toilets and water-using appliances.
- Adjust all water-using appliances to the minimum amount of water in order to achieve the appliances purpose.
- Use automatic washing machines and dishwashers only with full loads. Preferably, wash dishes by hand.
- Take shorter showers and shallower baths.
- Turn off shower while soaping; turn off faucet while brushing teeth, etc.
- Install flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.
- Reduce the number of toilet flushes per day.
- Keep a bottle of chilled drinking water in refrigerator to reduce faucet usage.

Non-Residential water consumers can reduce water consumption in the following ways:

- Reduce serving water in restaurants, clubs, or eateries unless specifically requested by the individual.
- Identify and repair all leaky fixtures and water-using equipment.
- Assure that valves and solenoids which control water flows are shut off completely when the water-using cycle is not engaged.
- Adjust all water-using appliances to minimum amounts of water in order to achieve the appliances purpose.
- Shorten rinse cycles for laundry machines. Use the adjustable water level feature (if applicable).
- Install flow restricting or other water-saving devices.

This voluntary water reduction request will remain in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,

David Brennan, Water & Sewer Superintendent

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