



New Statewide Water Restrictions on Watering Non-Functional Turf

On May 24, 2022, the California State Water Resources Control Board voted to adopt new emergency drought regulations that prohibit the irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) sites, as well as common areas maintained by Homeowners' Associations (HOAs).

Non-functional turf is solely ornamental and not used regularly for human recreational purposes of community events.

This ban does not apply to:

- The residential sector
- Sports fields and community parks
- Turf used to maintain the health of trees and other perennial plantings

The State Water Board encourages people to reduce turf irrigation on all properties, residential and non-residential, and to convert turf to California-friendly landscaping. Incentives to replace turf are available.

To learn more and view frequently asked questions, the adopted resolution, and the Executive Order, click [here](#).



Non-Functional Turf



Functional Turf

Please remember that Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) Stage Two Water Use Restrictions remain in effect.

MCWD customers are asked to take action to help us achieve the **20% water use reduction** goal compared to water use in 2020.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions:

- No person shall cause or permit water to run to waste.
- Spray irrigation events shall occur before 10:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.
- No person shall irrigate their landscapes at any time while it is raining.
- Irrigating landscapes or using water in a manner that causes runoff to waste is prohibited.
- Using potable water to clean driveways, sidewalks, or other hard surfaced areas, except where necessary to protect public health or safety, is not permitted.
- Using a hose for the permitted washing of buildings and vehicles without the use of an automatic shut-off nozzle is prohibited.
- Potable water should not be used in fountains or other decorative water features unless the water recirculates.
- Plumbing and irrigation leaks, breaks, or defects shall be repaired within seventy-two (72) hours.
- Public entities shall display placards or decals promoting water conservation and the prohibition of water waste.
- Restaurants shall not serve water to customers, except upon request.

Best Management Practices:

- Only apply irrigation water as needed (follow the [MCWD Landscape Watering Guide](#)).
- Eliminate or limit irrigation of turf to only two days per week or less.
- Limit irrigation of shrubs and ground covers to no more than two days per week.

MCWD Rebates & Incentives

Rebates:

- Clothes Washers
- High-Efficiency Toilets & Water-Free Urinals
- Hot Water Recirculation Pumps

Landscape Incentives:

- Evapotranspiration-based Irrigation Controller Rebate
- Rain or Soil Moisture Shut-off Switch Rebate
- Lawn and Sprinkler Replacement Incentives
- Rainwater Catchment Incentive Program
- Master Shut-off Valve Rebate
- Flow Sensor Rebate



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