

# MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS



On January 17, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought emergency in California and asked that all Californians reduce their water consumption by 20%. On April 25, 2014, the Governor continued the state of emergency and, on April 1, 2015, the Governor issued Executive Order B29-15 imposing restrictions on water suppliers to achieve a statewide 25% reduction in potable water use by February 28, 2016. The California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the emergency regulations effective May 18, 2015. **On February 2, 2016, the mandatory water restrictions were extended until October 2016.**

Effective June 1, 2015, VVCSD Restrictions consist of:

1. Irrigation is only allowed before 10:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
2. Overwatering so that water flows onto adjacent properties, non-irrigated areas, walkways, roads, and driveways is to be avoided.
3. Irrigation during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall is prohibited.
4. Potable water is not to be used to clean outdoor hard surfaces, with exemptions for dangerous substances and commercial steam cleaning.
5. All water leaks must be fixed as soon as possible after notification by VVCSD.
6. A shut-off nozzle is required when washing a vehicle.
7. Restaurants may only serve water to customers when they request it.
8. Hotels must offer their guests the option to not have their linens and towels laundered daily.

Exceptions:

1. Potable water may be used to irrigate trees throughout the week, on an as needed basis. Deep soaking with a hose is preferred.
2. Potable water may be used to prepare athletic fields before athletic contests for health and safety, throughout the week, on an as needed basis.
3. Potable water may be used for new construction between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m., throughout the week, per agreement between VVCSD and developer.
4. Other exceptions as approved by the General Manager.

Enforcement:

1. VVCSD Ordinance §2.3.2.3. allows the District to discontinue water service, after 48-hours notice, to any premises practicing negligent or wasteful use of water.
2. The State Water Resources Control Board may impose a fine of \$500 per day for end user violations and a fine of \$10,000 per day for the water supplier that allows the violation to continue.

For more information, visit the Emergency Water Conservation Portal at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/emergency\\_regulation.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/emergency_regulation.shtml).

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