



Carpinteria Valley Water District Stage Three (3) Drought Condition Water Use Regulations



On November 9, 2022, the Carpinteria Valley Water District Board of Directors approved Ordinance 22-1 declaring a Stage Three Drought Condition due to a 30% water supply shortage and implementing water use restrictions. The Ordinance regulations are summarized below. For the full text of Ordinance 22-2, please visit <https://cvwd.net/doc/4295/>. On May 24, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency regulations that took effect on June 16, 2022. The State's regulations are italicized.

Water Use Regulations

Leak Repair

- Immediately repair breaks and leaks upon discovery. Repairs not completed within seventy-two (72) hours of detection or notification by the District may result in water service turned off by the District to prevent water loss until the repair is completed

Landscape Watering

- Landscape watering is limited to no more than 2 days per week.
- Hand-watering landscape through a hose with attached automatic shut-off device or movable sprinklers is allowed before 10:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m.
- Landscape watering through fixed irrigation systems, manual or timer controlled is allowed before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m., except for testing system or repairing leaks.
- *Landscape watering is not allowed during or for 48 hours following measurable rainfall*
- *Runoff caused by landscape irrigation is not allowed.*
- Landscape watering systems for newly constructed homes and buildings must be drip or micro-spray systems.
- Irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians is not allowed.
- ***Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional customers are not allowed to water "non-functional" turf. The State regulations define non-functional turf as turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks. Additional details are available on the State [website](#).***

Other Outdoor Water Use

- Automatic shut-off devices must be attached on any hose or filling apparatus in use.
- Using a hose to wash a building, driveway, sidewalk or other paved surface is not allowed unless authorized by CVWD.
- Boats and vehicles shall be washed only at commercial car washing facilities or by use of a bucket and/or hose with attached pressure-activated shutoff nozzle.
- Water fountains/decorative water features without a recirculating system are not allowed.
- Pools may be drained and refilled up to one third of the volume of a pool per year. Refilling more than one third the volume of the pool must be authorized by CVWD.

Commercial Water Use Regulations

- Restaurants and other eating establishments must post, in a conspicuous place, a Notice of Drought Condition and serve water only on request.
- Hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments must post in each room a notice of drought conditions containing water conservation information and actions.
- Gyms, pools and other businesses providing showers must post drought notices and promote limitation of shower use.
- ***Watering of "non-functional" turf not allowed. The State regulations define non-functional turf as turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks.***

Violation and Enforcement Process

- **First Violation:** Written Warning
- **Second Violation:** Violation Letter + \$25 fine
- **Third Violation:** Violation Letter + \$100 fine
- **Subsequent Violations:** Violation Letter + \$100 fine with a limit up to \$500 for each day of violation