

# Allocation calculation methods by type of water user

## Single-family residential, Multi-family residential, Master meter residential

### *Indoor allocation (HCF per month)*

$$= \text{Dwelling Units} \times 2.65 \text{ people} \times 55 \text{ Gallons Per Capita Day} \times \text{number of days in month} \div 748$$

#### Indoor Allocation Notes

- One hundred cubic feet (HCF) is equal to 748 gallons.
- The District uses the 2020 Census estimate of 2.65 people per dwelling unit.
- The District uses the State's expectation of efficient indoor water use per person.

### *Outdoor allocation (HCF per month)*

$$= \text{Evapotranspiration (ET)} \times \text{Irrigated Area} \times \text{Plant Factor} \times 0.62 \div 748$$

#### Outdoor Allocation Notes

- The District uses monthly ET values from the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) Santa Barbara Station.
- Irrigated areas are based on aerial imagery analysis using aerial imagery from 2020.
- The District uses Plant Factors (also called ET factors) to represent efficient water demand of the landscape. Residential landscapes receive a plant factor of 0.55 (new construction) 0.65 (old construction) according to the State's water use efficiency guidance.
- The conversion factor from inches to gallons is 0.62.
- One hundred cubic feet (HCF) is equal to 748 gallons.

## Landscape irrigation

### *Outdoor allocation (HCF per month)*

$$= \text{Evapotranspiration (ET)} \times \text{Irrigated Area} \times \text{Plant Factor} \times 0.62 \div 748$$

#### Outdoor Allocation Notes

- The District uses monthly ET values from the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) Santa Barbara Station.
- Irrigated areas are based on aerial imagery analysis using aerial imagery from 2020.

- *The District uses Plant Factors (also called ET factors) to represent efficient water demand of the landscape. Residential landscapes receive a plant factor of 0.8 according to the State’s water use efficiency guidance.*
- *The conversion factor from inches to gallons is 0.62.*
- *One hundred cubic feet (HCF) is equal to 748 gallons.*

**Commercial, Industrial, Public Authority\***

*Monthly allocation (HCF per month) = average historical water consumption*

Allocation Notes

- *\*School fields and city parks classified as public authority accounts are treated as landscape irrigation accounts for the purpose of calculating an allocation.*
- *Historical water consumption is based on water use from 2017-2022.*

**Parks and school fields**

*Outdoor allocation(HCF per month)  
= Evapotranspiration (ET) x Irrigated Area x Plant Factor x Conversion Factor*

Outdoor Allocation Notes

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- *Irrigated areas are based on aerial imagery analysis using aerial imagery from 2020.*
- *The District uses Plant Factors (also called ET factors) to represent efficient water demand of the landscape. Residential landscapes receive a plant factor of 0.8 according to the State’s water use efficiency guidance.*
- *The conversion factor from inches to gallons is 0.62.*
- *One hundred cubic feet (HCF) is equal to 748 gallons.*

**Agriculture**

*Monthly allocation (HCF per month) = average historical water consumption*

- *Historical water consumption is based on water use from 2017-2022.*