

What is this about?

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- ◆ Establish standards for year-round water conservation
- ◆ Promote the efficient use of water
- ◆ Reduce or eliminate the waste of water within Moulton Niguel Water District

This brochure contains highlights of the Water Conservation Program, describing the elements relating to efficient commercial water use and year-round water conservation.

You are in control of your water use! Please use water wisely—be aware of water-using activities in your home and garden, and do not let water leave your property.

In revising the Program, Moulton Niguel Water District has taken the opportunity to strongly link water conservation with urban runoff prevention. Outdoor water use is a primary source of urban runoff, which flows onto the streets, and then through storm drains down to our creeks and beaches.

The Program also updates the four-level contingency measures which will be put in place upon declaration of water shortages.

California's water supply is increasingly constrained by drought and regulatory agencies. Locally, wasteful water use practices constitute a potential threat to the District's water supplies. The prevention of water waste is an economically and environmentally feasible way to protect and conserve Moulton Niguel Water District's water supplies.

Violations may be subject to administrative citations and fines.

For More Information:

www.bewaterwise.com

Landscape & Irrigation Information
Single-Family Residential Rebates

www.mwdsaveabuck.com

Landscape & Irrigation Information

www.h2ouse.org

Wise Water Use Indoors & Out

www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org

Cutting-Edge Efficiency: Appliance & Hardware Lists

Important Contact Numbers:

Customer Service (949) 831-2500
24hr Water Emergency (949) 831-2500

For more information, including speaking to your group, club, or HOA, please contact:

**Customer Service Department
(949) 831-2500**

**The Program takes effect January 2009.
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This brochure is a summary of some of the commercial elements in the Program. Please read the full text of the Program found on the District's Web site: www.mnwd.com.



Moulton Niguel Water District Water Conservation Program

Commercial Elements



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**Thank you for being
Water Wise!**

Year-Round Commercial Water Use Efficiency

Public and Visitor-Serving Facilities

Display placards or decals approved by the District promoting public awareness of the need for Water Conservation.

Hotels and Motels

Provide guests the option to reuse towels and linens. *(Cards & door-hangers are available from MNWD)*

Food Service Facilities

- ◆ Drinking Water Food service facilities in the District shall serve water to customers or patrons only upon request. *(Table tent cards are available from the District.)*
- ◆ Other Water Using Activities
 - ◆ Defrosting food with running water is to be avoided and discouraged.
 - ◆ If using a hose for washing down kitchens, garbage areas, or any other area required by the health department or for sanitation reasons, a positive shut-off nozzle must be used.
 - ◆ Scoop sinks shall be set at a minimum flow at all times, and during hours of operation carefully monitored to avoid using water unnecessarily when the scoop sink is not in active use.

Turn Off Irrigation When it Rains

Automatic irrigation controllers may be turned off manually or connected to a rain shut-off device. Effective July 1, 2010, all irrigation controllers associated with dedicated landscape meters shall have a rain shut-off device that overrides the program in the event of rainfall.

Minimize Overspray

Minimize overspray and excess runoff onto paved surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, v-ditches, gutters, and roadways.

Repair Plumbing, Sprinklers, & Irrigation System

Repair all leaks within 5 days.

Cleaning Paved Surfaces and Structures

Cleaning may only occur for health and safety reasons. General maintenance cleaning shall be performed by using a broom, water broom, or by a low-volume, high pressure cleaning machine.

Swimming Pools and Spas

Do not empty and refill swimming pools and spas except to prevent or repair structural damage or to comply with public health regulations. Using a pool/spa cover is strongly encouraged to prevent evaporation, as well as for the additional energy and chemical saving benefits.

Shortage Levels

Below may be declared to respond to local or regional water shortage conditions and emergencies. Each elevated level will include the elements of the previous levels.

Level 1—Water Watch

**Mandatory Water Reduction
Up To 10 Percent**

- ◆ Reduce lawn watering and landscape irrigation.
- ◆ Repair all water leaks within 5 days.
- ◆ Do not wash down buildings, sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire or health/sanitary reasons.
- ◆ Pools, spas, or water features—property owners are encouraged to install covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation.

**Level 2—Water Alert
Mandatory Water Reduction
Up To 20 Percent**

- ◆ Customers are required to reduce water use by 20 percent to sustain an adequate water supply for the community.
- ◆ Residential and commercial landscape irrigation is limited to no more than 3 assigned days per week on a schedule established by the General Manager.
- ◆ Repair all water leaks within 72 hours.
- ◆ Paved surface washing is prohibited.
- ◆ Filling pools, spas, and water features is prohibited. Fountains and waterfalls must be the re-circulating type.
- ◆ Golf courses are required to convert to recycled water within 30 days.

**Level 3—Water Critical
Mandatory Water Reduction
Up To 40 Percent**

- ◆ Residential and commercial landscape irrigation is limited to no more than 2 assigned days per week.
- ◆ Repair all water leaks within 48 hours.

**Level 4—Water Emergency
Mandatory Water Reduction
Above 40 Percent**

- ◆ Landscape irrigation is further reduced.
- ◆ Limit residential and commercial irrigation to no more than 1 assigned day per week.
- ◆ Repair all water leaks within 24 hours.

**Help conserve our most precious
resource...Water!**