

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 residential 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 runoff from your property into the gutter.

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 by 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 residential 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 Residential Elements



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**Thank you for being
Water Wise!**

Mandatory Water Conservation Rules Prohibition Against Waste

1. Limits on Watering Hours: No Watering or Irrigation of Lawn, Landscape, or Other Vegetated Areas Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Except for the Express Purpose of Adjusting or Repairing an Irrigation System, or Using a Hose With a Positive Shut-Off Nozzle.
2. Limit on Water Duration: Watering or Irrigation of Lawn, Landscape, or Other Vegetated Areas Cannot be More Than 15 Minutes Per Cycle.
3. No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff from the property.
4. Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces is Prohibited Except When Necessary to Alleviate Safety or Sanitary Hazards and Then Only by Use of a Hand-Held Bucket, a Hand-Held Hose With a Positive Shut-Off Device, or by a Low-Volume, High Pressure Cleaning Machine.
5. Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions Within Five Days.
6. Re-Circulating Water Required for Water Fountains and Decorative Water Features.
7. Limits on Washing Vehicles: May Use a Hand-Held Bucket, a Hose With a Positive Water Shut-Off Nozzle Device, or by a Low-Volume High Pressure Cleaning Machine.
8. Drinking Water at a Restaurant: Served only Upon Request.
9. Commercial Lodging Establishments Must Provide Option to Not Launder Linen Daily.
10. No Installation of Single Pass Cooling Systems.
11. No Installation of Non-Re-Circulating Water in Commercial Car Wash and Laundry Systems.
12. Restaurants Required to Use Water Conserving Dish Wash Spray Valves.

Washing Vehicles

Use as little water as possible and do not allow water to enter the gutter. The hose must have a positive water shut-off device or a low-volume, high pressure cleaning nozzle.

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 level. Taking strong action at Level 1 may help prevent further reductions!

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, patios, or other paved areas, except to alleviate immediate fire or health/sanitary reasons.
- ◆ Pools, spas, and water features—install covers to minimize water loss due to evaporation.
- ◆ Residential car washing—washing of autos, trucks, trailers, boats, etc., shall be done only with a bucket and hose with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses. Commercial car washes are exempt.

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.
- ◆ Residential car washing is prohibited, other than at a commercial car wash.

Level 3—Water Critical

Mandatory Water Reduction Up To 40 Percent

- ◆ Residential and commercial landscape irrigation is limited to no more than 2 days assigned 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!**