



moulton niguel water district
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State Water Board Extends **Water Conservation Regulations**

On February 8, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) voted to extend its existing emergency water conservation regulation. The SWRCB recognized that, while parts of the State are experiencing less severe drought conditions, it is prudent to understand that drought conditions inherently exist in the State and a decision was made to wait until the end of the “water year” in April/May 2017 to re-evaluate statewide and local conditions. This historic drought was years in the making and it will need more than a few months of rain to fully recover.

This decision also aligns with Governor Brown’s call for achieving permanent, long-term water use efficiency, as indicated in his Executive Order. “Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life” will maintain urban water supplier monthly reporting, a permanent ban on wasteful water use such as hosing off sidewalks, and continued emphasis on **efficient water use**.

Don't Let the Rain Dampen our **Conservation Efforts**



The arrival of rains this year have tempered one of California’s most severe ongoing drought periods on record. However, drought or no drought, Californians must re-evaluate its relationship with water. The conditions over the last several years have taught us that we need to rethink the way we use current supply while managing the demand and needs of our growing communities, as we work towards enhancing water reliability for the future.

The fundamental goal is to **eliminate water waste**. We all know that water and the infrastructure that conveys, treats, and stores it are invaluable, limited, and scarce resources. While an abundance of water may fall from the sky and flood our aqueducts for a few days, we need to be mindful that the water that flows from our faucets needs to be used efficiently.

How do we prevent a **regression** from all of the great **conservation milestones** we’ve undertaken?

Moulton Niguel Water District customers have conserved more than **3.3 billion gallons** of potable water from January 2014 to December 2016. The key is reducing wasteful water use and not losing momentum on the conservation milestones we’ve already achieved.

This can be accomplished through incremental and long-term investments, such as turning off your sprinklers when it rains, or converting to water-efficient landscapes, which can help **reduce outdoor water waste by up to 50%**. Simple adjustments around the house, such as fixing leaks can **prevent approximately 20% of indoor water waste**.

Let’s all continue to work together to make water conservation a California way of life! For more information on water efficient practices, rebates, and tips, please visit www.mnwd.com/watersavingtips.

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California Friendly Landscape Workshops

Moulton Niguel Water District is offering FREE landscape workshops this planting season to help our customers reimagine their outdoor landscape and convert thirsty lawns into beautiful, California Friendly, drought-tolerant gardens.

These three-hour informative workshops offer solutions to common landscape challenges and demonstrate how to design landscapes that are sustainable in the Orange County climate. Learn about other ways you can help reduce your outdoor water usage such as looking for leaks, adjusting your sprinkler timers, and using water-efficient sprinkler nozzles. Class registration is required at www.mnwd.com/landscapeclasses.

Upcoming classes at Moulton Niguel Water District in Laguna Niguel:

- **April 1** | 9am-12pm
- **April 22** | 9am-12pm



We want to help you make water conservation a part of your daily routine. For more tips on how to save water both indoors and outdoors, visit www.mnwd.com!

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

Moulton Niguel Water District, in partnership with the City of Laguna Niguel, proudly hosts its third annual Live Smart Event! Live Smart is a FREE public event to provide our communities, local utilities and businesses an opportunity to share ideas and resources for living smarter through water conservation practices, energy saving devices, and more. For more information, email outreach@mnwd.com.

Moulton Niguel Water District (MNWD) provides drinking water, recycled water, and wastewater service to approximately 170,000 customers in South Orange County. Have questions? Call us at **949.831.2500** or email us at outreach@mnwd.com.