# CITY OF VACAVILLE

# **CURRENT RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR WATER USE PROHIBITIONS**

- Outdoor Irrigation Limited to No More Than Two Days Per Week
- Outdoor Irrigation Allowed Only Between the Hours of 8 PM to 8 AM
- No Outdoor Irrigation During or Within 48 Hours of Significant Rain
- No Excessive Runoff from Outdoor Irrigation
- No Washing of any Hard-Surfaced Areas by Direct Hosing Except for Removal of Hazardous Materials for Health and Safety reasons.
- No Washing of Vehicles, Equipment, Structures or Other Items Without Use of a Shutoff Nozzle.
- No Use of Fountains or Other Water-Using Ornamental Structures Unless Equipped with a Recirculating Pump.

### PROPOSED WATER REGULATIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

On June 23rd the City will be proposing the following residential water regulations and allocations

Outdoor Irrigation - the current two day per week outdoor irrigation prohibition will be further defined as follows:

Residents on the north side of the freeway (generally in 95688 zip code) will be able to water outdoors on Mondays and Thursdays

Residents on the south side of the freeway (generally in 95687 zip code) will be able to water outdoors on Tuesdays and Fridays

Businesses and institutions regardless of their location will be able to water outdoors on Wednesdays and Saturdays

City parks and landscapes will be watered on Sundays and one day per week, not to exceed two days total

Everyone will continue to be required to meet the current prohibition of watering between the hours of 8 AM to 8 PM

# **Residential Household Allocations**

The proposed residential allocation will allow up to 300 gallons of water per household each day, or approximately 60 gallons per person for a household of five during the Winter months, when there is little to no outdoor irrigation. This number will go up to a maximum of 600 gallons of water per household per day during the summer months in order to allow for seasonal irrigation.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF FINES FOR VIOLATION OF WATER USE PROHIBITIONS

The City has an established fine structure for violation of the Water Use Prohibitions listed at the top of the page, with a maximum penalty of \$500 per violation, which currently are not being enforced or implemented. The City's proposal will call for the enforcement of these fines effective July 1, 2015.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF PENALTIES FOR EXCESSIVE WATER USE

With the implementation of the residential allocation schedule the City will be amending the penalty structure for excessive use of water currently contained in Section 5 of the Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan to better fit with the household allocation schedule. More information about the proposed penalties will be provided at the June 23rd meeting.

## SUISUN CITY WATER RESTRICTIONS

# All Suisun City water customers are to stop

- Washing down drive ways, sidewalks, patios and other paved areas
- Watering landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff
- Washing any vehicle using a hose without a shut-off nozzle
- Using drinking water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated

Further, landscape and turf irrigation is prohibited between Noon and 6 p.m. Watering may occur no more frequently than every other day, with addresses ending with even numbers watering on even-numbered calendar days (i.e. 0, 2, 4, 6 & 8) and addresses ending with odd numbers watering on odd-numbered calendar days (i.e. 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9).

Schools, day care facilities and public parks are exempt from the lawn watering restrictions but must reduce water use by 20%.

Due to the urgency to save water in case the drought continues, SSWA can issue violation notices, fine repeat violators and place flow restrictors in water services. Fines of up to \$250 per day of violation can be levied.

# CITY OF FAIRFIELD MANDATED RESTRICTIONS

# State Prohibitions:

- Landscape irrigation that runs off of your property
- Irrigating landscaping during or 48 hours following a measureable rain event (greater than 0.25 inches)
- Use of <u>potable</u> water to irrigate street median ornamental turf (non-potable water is OK)
- New landscaping will require high-efficiency irrigation systems as allowed by building code and future WELO requirements
- Washing down sidewalks, driveways or other hardscapes (unless needed for health and safety reasons)
- Decorative fountains that do not recirculate the water
- Serving water at restaurants if not requested by the patron(s)
- Hotels and motels must provide the option to not have towels and linens laundered daily
- Vehicle washing with running water (need to use bucket or automatic shut-off nozzle)

### City Prohibitions:

- Landscape irrigation between noon and 6pm
- Landscape irrigation on unauthorized days of the week
  Effective June 1, 2015, 3-day per week irrigation schedule City-wide. Odd address numbers on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and even address numbers on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

# CITY OF BENICIA WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Benicia City Council adopted emergency outdoor watering restrictions that limit watering by automatic sprinkler system.

From April 1 through October 15, 2015:

Residents with addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3,5, 7 or 9) can water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Residents with addresses ending in even number (0,2,4,6 or 8) can water Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Residents are allowed to water on their designated day only, before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

The restrictions apply to both residential and commercial customers and will remain in effect until the Benicia City Council declares an end to water shortage emergency.

# CITY OF VALLEJO MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT:

- 1. Watering outdoor landscaping during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is now specifically prohibited.
- 2. Public places where food or drink are served or purchased are prohibited from serving drinking water other than upon request.
- 3. Operators of hotels and motels are required to prominently display notice in each guest-room that guests have the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily.
- 4. No outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes or turf with potable water is permitted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except for drip irrigation, soaker hoses and hand watering.
- 5. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, parking lots, or structures is prohibited.
- 6. The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a state or federal agency.
- 7. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative feature is prohibited, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

New Restrictions Take Effect June 11th:

On May 12th the Vallejo City Council approved the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Vallejo Municipal Code (Water), that adds new local outdoor irrigation restrictions to those listed above.

The new restrictions include;

- 1) maximum 3-days a week of outdoor watering based on odd/even street addresses (odd addresses Tues, Thurs, Sat and even addresses & Common Areas Mon, Weds, Fri).
- 2) enforcement penalties ranging from warning notices for 1st time violations, and monetary penalties starting at \$200 for 2nd violations, increasing to \$500 for 3rd time violations.
- 3) In addition, all outdoor water features using potable water will be prohibited. The Ordinance will take effect on June 11th, 2015.

On June 9th, Dixon City Council considered and adopted an urgency ordinance (with a 4-1 vote) proposed to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) most recent regulations for small water suppliers by limiting outdoor watering to no more than two (2) days per week. The Ordinance assigns outdoor watering days by address number. Properties with an address that ends in an even number may water on Monday and Thursday, while properties with an address that ends in an odd number may water on Tuesday and Friday. The City of Dixon will also limit watering in City owned parks, City Landscape and

Lighting Districts, and on City street medians that include turf. Some key facts about water use in City parks - some park playfield turf areas will remain on a three (3) day watering cycle while other non-playfield turf areas may turn brown. Priorities include maintaining actively used recreation areas.

The Ordinance applies to City residents who receive water from the City of Dixon. The Ordinance does not apply to City residents who are Cal Water customers.