



Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency Now in Effect

On Tuesday, July 12, the Stockton City Council approved additional changes to Stockton's Water Conservation Ordinance (SMC 13.28) and Water Shortage Emergencies (SMC 13.32) in response to the Governor's Drought Emergency Declaration and to meet the requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board.

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- All water accounts in the City water service area, including **residential, multiple family** residences which are served by a single meter (example: **apartments, duplexes, triplexes**), **nonresidential (commercial, industrial and institutional)** and process-water accounts shall use **20 percent less** than the quantity of water delivered to the customer's property as recorded by meter during the corresponding billing period of the base year.

New watering/exterior irrigation regulations

- No watering between 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Even numbered addresses and locations without a designated street address, like parks – are allowed to water on Sundays and Wednesdays only.
- Odd numbered addresses – Tuesdays and Saturdays only.
- No exterior watering on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- The irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites is prohibited. Non-functional turf is solely ornamental turf not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events. Non-functional turf excludes sports fields and turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.
- The use of water is not prohibited to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings or to address an immediate health and safety need.

Other water use guidelines

- Water leaks, broken sprinklers or malfunction within the water user's system must be repaired within 24 hours of being discovered or receiving notice of the problem.
- Washing vehicles only permitted with positive shut-off nozzle and on assigned watering days (keep soapy water from flowing into gutters and storm drains.)

- Commercial car washes – must use reclaimed soap and water (no day restrictions).
- Restaurants – water served only upon customer request.
- Hotels and motels – must provide option to refuse daily towel/linen laundering.
- Cleaning building/mobile home exterior (with water) – only with bucket and sponge.
- Repairing/Repainting – must use pressurized washing device with quick acting, positive shut-off.
- Ornamental fountains (public/commercial locations) – operate only with recirculated water.
- Use of water to wash driveways, sidewalks, patios, parking lots, and other similar exterior surfaces – only with pressurized sidewalk cleaning equipment for sanitation, public health/safety, and fire protection.
- Swimming pool draining/refilling – not allowed from June 1 – October 1, except for protection of public health/safety.
 - Fill out the request to drain/refill form at www.stocktonca.gov/savewater.
- Dust control – use of potable water not allowed, except for public health/safety.
- Fire hydrant – use of potable water not allowed, except by Fire protection agencies for fire suppression or by responsible water agencies.
- All other wasteful running of water/washing with water – unlawful, without reasonable purpose.