



IMPORTANT: MANDATORY WATERING RESTRICTIONS

On Aug. 5, 2014, the Gustine City Council passed an ordinance in consideration of the historic drought conditions in the State of California. This follows both the declaration by Governor Brown that California is in a Drought State of Emergency and new California State Water Resources Board water restrictions.

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL CITY OF GUSTINE WATER CUSTOMERS AND WILL BE ENFORCED BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014:

Watering outdoor landscape, including lawn or plants, is **ALLOWABLE ONLY on the following days:**

- ✓ ***Even numbered addresses water MAY WATER Wednesday and Sunday***
- ✓ ***Odd numbered addresses water MAY WATER Tuesday and Saturday***

NOTE: Watering is permissible on the above days of the week, starting at midnight and any time during that day. No water customers shall water on the following weekdays: Monday, Thursday or Friday.

In addition to limiting landscape watering, **the ordinance also PROHIBITS:**

- *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, roadways, parking lots, or structures*
- *Use of a hose to wash a motor vehicle without a shut-off nozzle*
- *Washing down driveways and sidewalks*
- *Use of water in a decorative fountain or water feature WITHOUT a recirculation system*

The intent of the ordinance is for residents of the City of Gustine to comply so that they can contribute toward conserving water in one of the worst droughts in the history of California.

At the same time, **citations and related fines for each incidence are as follows:** First infraction- Warning; Second infraction- \$50 fine; Third infraction-\$100 fine; Fourth or more- \$200 fine. In order to provide sufficient time to notify and educate citizens, the City will issue citations starting Sept. 8, 2014.

HELP US CONSERVE! FOR IDEAS ON HOW TO SAVE WATER, GO ONLINE TO: www.saveourh2o.org.

For additional information or clarification on the ordinance, contact the City online at www.cityofgustine.com or phone City Hall (209) 854-6471.

To report ordinance violations, you may contact the Gustine Police Department at the 24-hour-a-day telephone at (209) 854-1010.



WATER SAVING TIPS



INSIDE THE HOUSE

- ✚ Use the washing machine for full loads only to save water and energy.
- ✚ Run the dishwasher only when full to save water and energy.
- ✚ When washing dishes by hand don't let the water run, fill one sink for washing and one sink for rinsing.
- ✚ Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand.
- ✚ Install low flow shower heads.
- ✚ Take five minute showers instead of 10 minute showers.
- ✚ Take a short shower instead of a bath. A bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water.
- ✚ Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- ✚ Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once per year: Put food coloring in your tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing there is a leak.
- ✚ When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
- ✚ Plug the sink instead of running water to rinse your razor and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- ✚ Turn off the water while washing your hair and save up to 150 gallons a month.

OUTDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

- ✚ In some areas, more than 50% of the water we use daily is used outside
- ✚ Water early in the morning or later in the evening.
- ✚ Check your sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- ✚ Choose a water efficient irrigation system.
- ✚ Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.
- ✚ Don't over water. Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier landscapes.
- ✚ Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks, and patios. Save 8-18 gallons a minute.
- ✚ Wash cars with a bucket, sponge, and hose with a self closing nozzle.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL WAYS TO
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