

Making Water Conservation a Way of Life -- New Mandates Coming

In April, Governor Brown officially declared the latest drought over and in response the City Council rescinded our local drought declaration on May 30. However, with future droughts anticipated to be more common, California is preparing with new regulations entitled “*Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life*”.

The State Water Board has recommended that each water agency potentially be given a water budget based on the population served and the irrigated landscape areas.

Early indications are that we may well have to conserve as much water in the future as we did during the recent drought. Future droughts are anticipated to be more common. It will be our responsibility to plan for the long term and to meet stronger, permanent conservation standards expected from the State in 2018.

Conservation Tips

Please continue to help by:

1. Buying water efficient appliances
2. Installing smart irrigation controllers
3. Installing bubblers or drip irrigation systems where feasible
4. Reducing grass and convert to less water intensive varieties
5. Using native and drought tolerant plants

Additional Information:

www.toaks.org/savewater

Rebates: www.bewaterwise.com



Permanent Water Conservation Ordinance Highlights

- Outdoor irrigation prohibited between 9 am – 5 pm.
- Outdoor irrigation limited to 15 minutes per station (exceptions for low volume systems).
- No watering during or 48 hours after any rain.
- No excessive runoff.
- No washing down of hard or paved surfaces.
- Leaks must be fixed within seven days.

Enforcement will be focused on voluntary compliance through education, but fines of up to \$500 per occurrence will be levied on repeat offenders.

Water Companies

Be sure to check your specific water company for additional restrictions.

- City of Thousand Oaks
www.toaks.org/savewater
805-375-5747 (to report leaks or request a survey)
805-449-2400 (for general information)
- California American Water Co.: (805) 498-1266
www.californiaamwater.com
- California Water Service: (805) 497-2757
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