

# CITY OF EL MONTE WATER DEPARTMENT

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### LEVEL 2 DROUGHT ALERT!

The City of El Monte Water Department is joining water agencies throughout the region in raising the level of response to a prolonged water shortage and has declared a Level 2 Drought Condition.

We Urgently Request Your Cooperation to

**CONSERVE  
WATER!**



**TOGETHER  
WE CAN  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!**

#### Leaks

- Repair all breaks and leaks; private or commercial with 72 hours upon discovery or notification by the water district.

#### Washing

- Water shall not be used to wash down driveways, patios, sidewalks, and parking lots, unless necessary to remove potential safety or sanitation hazards.
- Washing automobiles or recreational vehicles is prohibited unless done with a hand-held bucket and a hand held garden hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses.

#### Irrigation

- Limit outdoor irrigation of landscaped areas with sprinklers to the hours before 8 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m.
- Stop water flows from non targeted areas. Avoid inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, overspray, and misdirected sprinklers. Refrain from watering on windy days. Never allow runoff of water onto adjacent property, streets, alleys or storm drains.
- Irrigation systems using sprinklers should be limited to no more than 20 minutes per station two times a week.
- Use a garden hose with a positive shut off nozzle at all times.
- Stop operating decorative fountains.

#### Restaurants & Hotels

- Serve and refill water only when requested. This applies to all eating and drinking establishments; public or private.
- Offer hotel guests the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.

**Exceptions.** None of these restrictions shall apply to the following:

1. The routine and necessary use of water, other than for landscape irrigation, by a governmental entity in pursuit of its governmental functions for the benefit of the public, such as construction projects and for the cleaning of streets to prevent debris and harmful substances from entering water systems via storm drains;
2. The necessary use of water for the routine maintenance and/or repair of water distribution facilities, residential and commercial plumbing and permanently installed landscaped irrigation systems.

**Compliance - Guidelines.**

1. No customer of the El Monte Water Department or person who uses water provided by the El Monte Water Department shall knowingly use, or permit the use of water in a manner contrary to any provision of this Chapter, or in an amount in excess of that use permitted by the provisions of this Chapter or that is reasonably necessary to satisfy the water usage need. For purposes of this Chapter, the term "person" means any natural person, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, public or private entity, public or private association, public or private agency, governmental agency or institution, school district, college university, or any other use of water provided by the City of El Monte.
2. Unless otherwise provided, any person who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor as hereinafter specified at the City's discretion, and each day or portion thereof such violation is in existence shall be a new and separate offense.

**Any person so convicted shall be:**

1. Guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine of not less than **\$25.00** but not exceeding **\$100.00** for a first violation during any calendar year or declared conservation stage, whichever time period is shorter in duration;
2. Guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine not less than **\$50.00** and not exceeding **\$200.00** for a second violation during any calendar year or declared conservation stage, whichever time period is shorter in duration;
3. On conviction of a third violation, guilty of a misdemeanor offense and shall be punished by a fine not less than **\$500.00** nor more than **\$1,000.00** during any calendar year or declared conservation stage, whichever time period is shorter in duration.