

City of Paso Robles Level 2 Water Use Restrictions Frequently Asked Questions

Due to ongoing drought conditions and state conservation requirements, outdoor watering restrictions remain in place. However, recent changes to the State's conservation requirements revise the level of conservation required. Beginning Aug. 20th, irrigation will be limited to **3 days per week** on the scheduled days for your Watering Zone (see map and schedule below). The cooperation of all customers is needed to comply with state conservation requirements.

Zone 1

North of 13th St., Creston, Sherwood, and Linne:
Water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

Zone 2

South of 13th St., Creston, Sherwood, and Linne:
Water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday

Watering is permitted only before 9AM or after
7 PM on your assigned days.



1. **Is compliance with the landscape watering schedule mandatory and are there penalties for not complying with the schedule?** Yes, compliance with the irrigation watering schedule is mandatory while Level 2 water use restrictions are in place. Penalties for non-compliance with the watering schedule and other water use restrictions will apply.
2. **Why are customers being asked to continue conserving water?**
In response to persisting drought conditions, The State of California has enacted specific water conservation targets and use restrictions that apply to urban water users throughout the state and will remain in place at least through January 2017.
3. **Are there other water use restrictions that are mandatory?** Yes, the City's conservation ordinance prohibits the following at all times:
 - Watering or irrigating of any lawn or landscaped area in a manner that causes or allows water flow (runoff) onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter or ditch is prohibited.
 - Watering or irrigating any lawn or landscaping during or within 48 hours following measurable rain is prohibited.
 - Using water to wash or clean a vehicle, including but not limited to any automobile, truck, van, bus, motorcycle, boat or trailer, whether motorized or not is prohibited, except by use

of a hand-held bucket or similar container or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device. This subsection does not apply to any commercial car washing facility.

- Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, and then only by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off device, or a low-volume-high-pressure cleaning machine.
- Excessive use or loss of water through breaks, leaks or other malfunctions in the customers' plumbing or distribution system for any period of time after such escape of water should have reasonably been discovered and corrected and in no event more than five days after written notification by the City of Paso Robles, is prohibited.

4. **What is the City's overall conservation goal?** Beginning June 2016, the City's conservation goal is to maintain usage to below water usage in 2013.
5. **How much water do I need to apply to my lawn?** Customers with lawns should consider watering minimally this year and allowing lawns to go dormant, or converting lawns to a drought-tolerant landscaping. Trees should be watered periodically to ensure reduced lawn watering doesn't negatively affect trees.
6. **I just received a Notice of Violation. How much time do I have to repair my leak or rectify the problem before I receive another Notice of Violation?** Five days, but it is recommended that you do so as soon as possible.
7. **My tenant or HOA agreement requires that I irrigate and/or maintain my landscaping—do I still need to comply with watering restrictions?** Yes, compliance is required by all City water customers. If the City's watering restrictions will affect your agreement you should contact your property owner or manager regarding the watering restrictions, and modify your agreement as needed.
8. **Why do I see some public parks and school ball fields being irrigated on the wrong days and times?** Some public parks, school ball fields, and other active play or event areas are eligible for exceptions to the watering schedule if irrigating on the scheduled days or times interferes with the intended uses of the facility.
9. **Are there additional conservation requirements placed on new development?** Yes, specific requirements for new development have been mandated by the State of California. These requirements limit the use of turf for ornamental landscaping and include other design requirements.

