



Level 1 Voluntary Water Conservation

In response to the State of California ending state-mandated urban water conservation requirements, the City has declared a Level 1 Voluntary Water Conservation condition. Voluntary measures and permanent conservation requirements effective under the Level 1 condition are described below.

Level 1 Voluntary Conservation Measures

1. Irrigate residential and commercial landscapes, parks, school grounds and recreation fields, before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m.
2. Repair or prevention of all water leaks upon discovery or within five days of notification by the City of El Paso de Robles.

Mandatory Minimum Water Conservation Requirements in Effect at All Times – Prohibition Against Water Waste

The following water conservation requirements shall be in effect at all times and are permanent. Violations will be considered waste and an unreasonable use of water and are subject to penalties.

A. No Water During or Immediately Following Measurable Rain: Watering or irrigating any lawn or landscape during or within 48 hours following measurable rain is prohibited.

B. No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff: Watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape or other vegetated area in a manner that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter, ditch, or property is prohibited.

C. No Overfilling of Swimming Pools and Spas: Overfilling of a swimming pools and spas such that overflow water is discharged onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter or ditch is prohibited.

D. No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces: Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited except under the following conditions:

1. 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.
2. When a low-volume-high-pressure cleaning machine or a low-volume-high-pressure water broom is used.

All wash-down activities must comply with all state or local regulations pertaining to discharges to the City's storm drain system.

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E. Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks or Malfunctions: Excessive use, loss or escape 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 seven days after written notification by the City of El Paso de Robles, is prohibited.

F. Re-circulating Water Required for Water Fountains and Decorative Water Features: Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use re-circulated water is prohibited.

G. Limits on Washing Vehicles: 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.

H. Commercial Lodging Establishments Must Provide Guests Option to Decline Daily Linen Services: Hotels, motels and other commercial lodging establishments must provide customers the option of not having towels and linen laundered daily. Commercial lodging establishments must prominently display notice of this option in each bathroom using clear and easily understood language.

I. No Installation of Single Pass Cooling Systems: Installation of single pass cooling systems is prohibited in buildings requesting new water service.

J. No Installation of Non-Recirculating Systems in Commercial Car Wash and Laundry Systems: Installation of non-recirculating water systems is prohibited in new commercial conveyor car wash and new commercial laundry systems.

K. New or Remodeled Restaurants Required to Use Water Conserving Dish Wash Spray Valves: All new or remodeled food preparation establishments, such as restaurants or cafes, are prohibited from using non-water conserving dish wash spray valves.

L. Water Served Only Upon Request: Restaurants and other food establishments will only serve water upon request.

Violations and Penalties

It is unlawful for any *customer* to violate the mandatory provisions of this Ordinance. Violations are subject to criminal, civil, and administrative penalties and remedies as provided in Chapter 1 of the City Code. In addition, service of water may be discontinued or appropriately limited through the installation of flow-restricting devices to any *customer* who willfully uses water in violation of this Ordinance. As specified in Chapter 1.02 Penalties, Section 1.02.010, following the issuance of two warnings, a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars shall be assessed for a first violation, a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars shall be assessed for a second violation of this ordinance within one year, and a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars shall be assessed for a third violation of this ordinance within one year.