



City of Paso Robles Level 1 Voluntary Water Conservation Condition Frequently Asked Questions

In response to the end of the state-wide mandate for reduction of urban water use, the Paso Robles City Council has declared a Level 1 Voluntary Conservation condition. Customers are asked to voluntarily limit water use for landscaping. Compliance with the City's permanent prohibitions against water waste is required.

1. **When is landscape watering allowed during a Level 1 condition?** Watering days are not limited by the City during a Level 1 condition; however, customers are asked to limit landscape watering to only what is necessary, and to water before 9 A.M. or after 7 P.M.

2. **Are there other water use restrictions that are mandatory?** Yes, the following mandatory water conservation requirements are in effect at all times. Violations will be considered waste and an unreasonable use of water and are subject to penalties.
 - a) Watering or irrigating any lawn or landscape during or within 48 hours following measurable rain is prohibited.
 - b) 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 or ditch is prohibited.
 - c) 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) Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited except 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 when a low-volume, high-pressure cleaning machine or a low-volume high-pressure water broom is used.
 - e) 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) Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use re-circulated water is prohibited.
 - g) 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.

3. **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?** Seven days, but it is recommended that you do so as soon as possible.