



Level 1 Water Shortage Water Conservation Requirements in Effect (as of June 21, 2011)

In response to improved water supply and demand conditions, the Paso Robles City Council adopted Resolution No. 11-088 rescinding Level 2 mandatory outdoor watering restrictions. A Level 1 Water Supply Shortage remains in effect, as a reduction of 10 percent in City-wide water demand is needed to ensure sufficient supplies are available to meet anticipated demands. Customers are asked to voluntarily limit watering to 3-days per week and avoid watering between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. In addition to voluntary Level 1 water use reductions, the following permanent prohibitions against water waste remain in effect per City Ordinance No. 956. N.S.

Level 1 - Voluntary Water Use Reductions

1. Irrigation of residential and commercial landscapes, parks, school grounds and recreation fields, should occur before 9 a.m. or after 7 p.m., except for renovation or repair of the irrigation system with an operator present.
2. Repair or prevention of all water leaks upon discovery or within five days of notification by the City of El Paso de Robles.
3. All landscape irrigation limited to no more than three days per week.

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

The following mandatory water conservation requirements are 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 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 or ditch is prohibited.

B. 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.

C. 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.
3. 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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D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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 handheld hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off nozzle or device. This subsection does not apply to any commercial car washing facility.

G. 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.

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

I. 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.

J. 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.

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