

# Effective Immediately

## New Emergency Water Regulations

In response to the State of California's severely depleted water supplies, multi-year drought and a record low snowpack, on April 1, 2015, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order effective immediately, ordering the Department of Water Resources Control Board to issue mandatory actions to reduce statewide water usage by 35% from 2013 levels, as well as increasing enforcement efforts to prevent water waste.

In response, the City of Loma Linda has established the following emergency water prohibitions.

1. The application of potable water to any driveway, sidewalk or hard scape. Must repair water leaks in a timely manner.
2. Using a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
3. Using potable water to water outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.
4. Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated.
5. Restricting the watering of turf and landscape to two day per week. Use of outdoor sprinkler system only between the hours of 8:00 pm until 7:00am.
6. No watering of outdoor landscape, turf or plant material for 48 hours after any measurable rain fall.

**In compliance with the state mandate the City of Loma Linda reserves the option to initiate the following enforcement options.**

Violators of the mandatory provisions of the state mandate shall be subject to civil action initiated by the city as follows:

- A. First Violation. For a first violation, the city shall issue a written notice of violation to the water user violating the provisions of the state mandate. The notice shall be given pursuant to the requirements listed in Sections 13.04.970 and 13.04.980.
- B. Second Violation. For a second violation of the state mandate within a twelve-month period or for failure to comply with the notice of violation within the period stated, a surcharge of one hundred dollars is imposed for the meter through which the wasted water was supplied.
- C. Third Violation. For a third violation of the state mandate within a twelve-month period, or for continued failure to comply within thirty days after notice of an imposition of second violation sanctions, a one-month penalty surcharge in the amount of two hundred dollars is imposed for the meter through which the wasted water was supplied. In addition to the surcharge, the city may, at its discretion, install a flow-restricting device at such meter with a one-eighth inch orifice for services up to one and one-half inch size, and comparatively sized restrictors for larger services, on the service of the customer at the premises at which the violation occurred for a period of not less than forty-eight hours. The charge to the customer for installing a flow-restricting device shall be based upon the size of the meter and the actual cost of installation but shall not be less than that provided in the city's rules and regulations. The charge for removal of the flow-restricting device and restoration of normal service shall be as provided in the city's rules and regulations.
- D. Subsequent Violations—Discontinuance of Service. For any subsequent violation of this chapter within the twenty-four calendar months after a first violation as provided in this section, the penalty surcharge shall be imposed and the city may discontinue water service to that customer at the premises or to the meter where the violation occurred. The charge for reconnection and restoration of normal service shall be as provided in the rules and regulations of the city. Such restoration of service shall not be made until the director of public services of the city has determined that the water user has provided reasonable assurances that future violations of this chapter by such user will not occur. (Ord. 443 § 1, 1991)

Other useful water conservation web sites

1. <http://iefficient.com/>
2. <http://saveourwater.com/>
3. <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>
4. <http://www.bewaterwise.com/>
5. <http://www.sdcwa.org/landscape-guide-flipbook/>
6. <http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/whitfield/anr/documents/Xeriscapewaterwise.pdf>