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Mandatory Watering Schedule Now in Effect

The State Water Resources Control Board has issued emergency regulations that require the City of Yreka to implement mandatory water conservation measures. To comply with this, the City is implementing Stage 2 “Water Alert” of the City’s Water Shortage Contingency Plan, effective August 1, 2014. The increase in water conservation measures is the result of ongoing drought conditions in California.

The Stage 2 Contingency Plan changes the current **Voluntary** Watering Schedule to the **Mandatory Watering Schedule** shown below.

The following restrictions may be enforced with fines of up to \$500 per day:

Watering Schedule – Outdoor sprinklers, irrigation systems, and hand and manual watering are limited to a maximum of 3 days per week based on the following odd-even schedule, with the exception of drip irrigation, which can be done on any day.

EVEN numbered addresses: Wednesday, Friday, Sunday

ODD numbered addresses: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

No sprinklers or landscape irrigation permitted on Mondays

Recommended watering hours are between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am

Other Restrictions and Provisions

- Water shall be used for beneficial uses. All wasteful use of water is prohibited.
- Water shall be confined to the customer’s property and shall not run off to adjoining property or to the roadside ditch or gutter. Care shall be taken to not water past the saturation point.
- Automatic shut-off devices and/or sprinkler timers are recommended for use on any hose or filling apparatus in use.
- Washing of streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, buildings or other hardscape surfaces is prohibited, except as necessary for health, sanitation or fire protection purposes.
- Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature is prohibited, unless the water is circulated. Using a hose to wash a vehicle is prohibited, unless the hose is fitted with a shut off nozzle.