

Stages of Water Conservation Measures

Stage 1 - Basic Water Conservation Practices Encouraged.

(a) Stage 1 water conservation measures shall be declared when the Board of Directors determines that the District is not experiencing an immediate water shortage and when the District desires customers to implement basic water conservation practices.

(b) The following provisions shall be in effect when Stage 1 water conservation measures are imposed:

- (1) District customers shall promptly repair all leaks from indoor and outdoor plumbing fixtures;
- (2) District customers shall incorporate water efficient measures into their irrigation systems and landscaping designs;
- (3) District customers shall regularly monitor their landscaping irrigation systems to ensure that water runoff onto adjacent properties and roadways are avoided;
- (4) District customers shall utilize water efficient interior plumbing fixtures such as "low-flow" toilets and shower heads; and
- (5) District customers shall avoid watering landscape or other turf areas during hours between 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Stage 2 - Strict Voluntary Conservation.

(a) A Stage 2 shortage shall be declared when the Board of Directors determines that the District is likely to suffer a significant shortage in its water supplies.

(b) The following restrictions on the use of water shall be in effect during a Stage 2 shortage:

- (1) There shall be no hose washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces except as required for emergency sanitary purposes;
- (2) Washing of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and other types of mobile equipment shall be done only with a hand-held bucket or a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle for quick rinses, except that washing may be done with reprocessed wastewater;
- (3) No water shall be used to clean, fill or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes or other similar aesthetic structures having a capacity of 100 gallons or more;
- (4) District customers shall utilize water efficient interior plumbing fixtures such as "low-flow" toilets and shower heads;
- (5) No restaurant, bar or other place where food is served shall serve drinking water to any Customer unless expressly requested;

- (6) All customers of the Green Valley County Water District shall promptly repair all leaks from indoor and outdoor plumbing fixtures;
- (7) No lawn, landscaping or other turf areas shall be watered during the hours between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM and not more often than every third day; and
- (8) No customer of the Green Valley County Water District shall cause or allow the water to run off landscape areas into adjacent streets, sidewalks or other paved areas due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering.

Stage 3 –Water Alert Mandatory Compliance.

- (a) A Stage 3 shortage shall be declared when the Board of Directors of the Green Valley County Water District determines that it is likely the District will suffer a severe shortage in its water supplies.
- (b) During Stage 3 shortage, the restrictions listed in part (2) of this Paragraph F, become mandatory except that there shall be no residential outside watering of lawns or landscaping at any time except that watering may be done by bucket or with reprocessed wastewater and there shall be no filling of swimming pools, wading pools, spa or hot tubs;
- (c) No customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water from the Green Valley County Water District for any excessive purpose as determined by Resolution of the Board of Directors.

Stage 4 Extreme Water Emergency.

- (a) A Stage 4 shortage shall be declared whenever the Board of Directors of the Green Valley County Water District determines that it is likely the District will suffer a catastrophic shortage in its water supplies.
- (b) During Stage 4 shortage, the restrictions listed in part (2) of this Paragraph F, become mandatory and except that there shall be no residential outside watering of lawns or landscaping at any time except that watering with reprocessed wastewater; and
- (c) No customer shall make, cause, use or permit the use of water from the Green Valley County Water District for any excessive purpose as determined by Resolution of the Board of Directors.

For information or questions regarding this or any other water related issue please call the District office at (661) 270-0836.