



## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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### Summary of the City's Water Conservation Ordinance

The City's Water Conservation Ordinance No. 2009-04-1399 includes permanent water use restrictions, as well as progressive water use restrictions that are activated based on anticipated water supply shortages. Of the sixteen (16) permanent water use restrictions listed in the Ordinance, the first seven (7) of them are more specific to residential properties. A brief description of each of these permanent water use restrictions are listed below:

#### Permanent Water Use Restrictions:

- 1) **Limits on Watering Hours:** Watering or irrigating any lawn or landscape with potable water is prohibited between **9 a.m. and 4 p.m.** Pacific Time except under certain conditions.
- 2) **Limit on Water Duration:** Watering or irrigating any lawn or landscape with potable water using a landscape irrigation system (unattended) is limited to **10 minutes per day per station.**
- 3) **No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff:** Watering or irrigating any lawn or landscape in a manner that results in **excessive water flow or runoff is prohibited.**
- 4) **No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces:** Washing down hard or paved surfaces is prohibited except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, and then only allowed to be performed by utilizing certain measures.
- 5) **Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks, or Malfunctions:** Excessive use, loss, or escape of water through leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing must be repaired within seven (7) days of receiving notice from the City.
- 6) **Re-circulating Required for Decorative Water Features:** Operating a water fountain or water feature without water re-circulation is prohibited.
- 7) **Limits on Washing Vehicles:** Using water to wash or clean a vehicle 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.

As noted above, the Water Conservation Ordinance allows for the City Council to implement, through resolution, a total of three levels of progressive water use restrictions based on anticipated water supply deliver to the region. Currently, a Level 1 Water Supply Shortage resolution is in effect, which means the following additional water sue restrictions are being enforced.

- 1) **Watering Days:** Under Level 1, watering or irrigating is allowed **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday ONLY.**
- 2) **Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks, or Malfunctions:** Excessive use, loss, or escape of water through leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing must be repaired within **72 hours** unless arrangements have been made with the City.