

Stage 1 Water Conservation Requirements

General:

- Customers complete confidential surveys to implement the tiered rate structure (number in household, lot size, etc.). — Those who use more, pay more.
- Landscape budgets are established for large residential water users (i.e.: > 32 units average/ mo), irrigated areas of three acres and all dedicated irrigation meters.

Outside Watering:

- Water before 9 AM or after 5 PM unless using drip irrigation or hand water with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Even numbered (North or East in Carmel) houses water on Sundays and Thursdays.
- Odd numbered houses (South or West in Carmel) water on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
- Use automatic shut-off nozzles when hand-washing a car.
- Fountains and ponds must recirculate water.
- Keep water from wetting streets and sidewalks.
- Potable water should not be used for washing buildings, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts or other hard surfaces.

Business Conservation:

- Water used for dust control must not be wasted.
- Drinking water must be served only upon request in food service facilities.
- Hotels and motels must meet water efficiency requirements.
- Property managers must inform tenants of water conservation requirements.
- Report changes in use of non-residential property to California American Water.



Native perennials conserve water beautifully.

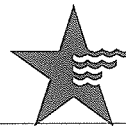
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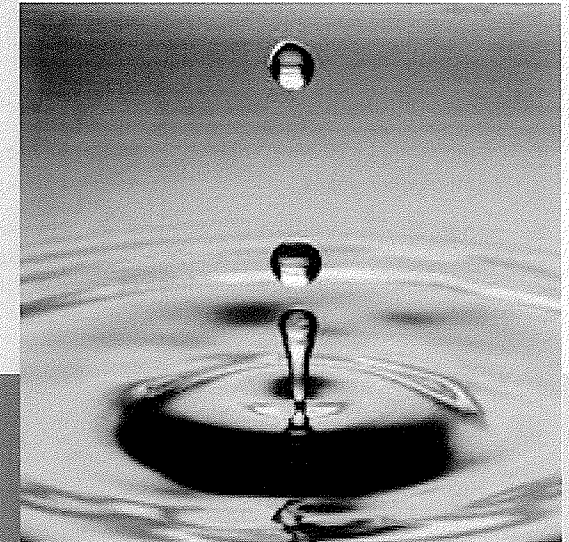
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STAGES 1 - 7

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Seven-Stage Conservation and Rationing Plan

The area has developed a seven-stage Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan designed to match water shortages, whether caused by the weather or the regulatory limits. Each category of customer - residential, commercial, golf course, etc., is asked to conserve an amount proportional to its overall use.

Stage 1

- Follow Stage 1 Water Conservation Requirements (inside cover page).
- Landscape water audits and budgets are prepared for large residential water users - dedicated irrigation meters and large landscaped areas (3 acres or more)



Prevent wasteful irrigation practices.

Stage 2

- Landscape water budgets are enforced in Stages 2- 4.

Stage 3

- Emergency conservation rates initiated.

Stage 4

- California American Water users are asked to cut back further and are notified that rationing is imminent.
- Large residential water users (>12 units/month) and irrigators (3 or more acres or dedicated irrigation meters) will be asked to immediately reduce watering.
- Non California American Water users are surveyed to determine rations and Cal-Am customers are sent surveys again to obtain updates.
- Owners of private wells are asked to reduce water use and are notified that restrictions are imminent.
- Water waste enforcement efforts are intensified.

Stage 5

- Rationing begins to achieve an 16%-34% overall reduction in water use. Residential rations are based on number in household. Non-residential rations are based on a reduction of their allotment. Intentional misreporting on surveys can be charged as a misdemeanor.
- Businesses may obtain a ration variance if they execute all best management practices for their type of business.
- A moratorium on water use intensification begins.
- Water banking allows carry-over of unused ration.
- California American Water implements new 3-tier rationing rates.
- If rations are exceeded, California American Water customers will pay much higher rates. Fines and flow restrictors may be applied to repeat offenders.
- Golf courses must stay within rations determined using the Landscape Water Budget.
- Use of recycled water is not restricted.
- MPWMD Board may adopt additional outdoor water use restrictions.
- Private well owners and customers of other water distribution systems subject to rationing.

Stage 6

- Stage 5 continues, however rations are reduced. A minimum per person allotment of 1 unit per month is provided (at least 35 gallons per person per day).
- A moratorium on permits using water credits is implemented.
- Expiration of water use credits suspended.
- The MPWMD could modify or eliminate business and commercial water user variances provided in Stage 5.
- No ornamental water use (ie: ponds and fountains) allowed.
- Dust control water use prohibited.
- MPWMD Board may adopt additional outdoor water use restrictions.

Stage 7

- Stage 6 controls continue.
- Further reductions will be required.
- Business variances restricted or eliminated.
- Hydrant water use prohibited except for fire emergencies.
- MPWMD Board may adopt additional outdoor water use restrictions.

Provide water only upon request

