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Item 3

MPWMD Water Waste Definition (Rule 11)

WATER WASTE - "Water Waste" shall mean the indiscriminate, unreasonable, or excessive running or dissipation of water. Water Waste shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

1. Waste caused by correctable leaks, breaks or malfunctions. This loss of Potable water may be cited as Water Waste after a reasonable period of time has passed in which the leak or malfunction could have been corrected. Exceptions may be granted by the General Manager for corrections, which are not feasible or practical.
2. Use of Potable water for washing buildings, structures, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas, except in cases where health or safety are at risk.
3. Indiscriminate or excessive water use which allows excess to run to waste.
4. Use of Potable water to irrigate turf, lawns, gardens or ornamental Landscaping between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by means other than drip irrigation, or hand watering without quick acting Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzles. (Exceptions shall be made by the General Manager for professional gardeners where there is no ability to avoid watering between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
5. Individual private washing of cars with a hose except with the use of a Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle. Use of water for washing commercial aircraft, cars, buses, boats, trailers or other commercial vehicles at any time, except at commercial or fleet vehicle or boat washing facilities operated at a fixed location where equipment-using water is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use.
6. Transportation of water from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System without prior written authorization from the MPWMD shall be deemed Water Waste. Emergency or health related situations are exempt from this provision in accordance with Rule 169 (Water Rationing Variance).
7. Operation of a commercial car wash without recycling at least 50 percent of the Potable water used per cycle.
8. Use of water for more than minimal Landscaping, as defined in the Landscaping regulations of the Jurisdiction or as described in Article 10.8 of the California Government Code.
9. Use of Potable water for street cleaning.
10. Outdoor watering in excess of a Water Budget during Stages 2-4 Water Conservation when a Water Budget is required pursuant to Rule 172.
11. Failure to maintain water use within a mandatory Landscape Water Budget.