

RULE 162 - STAGE 1 WATER CONSERVATION: PROHIBITION ON WATER WASTE

- A. Trigger. Stage 1 shall remain in effect at all times and shall apply to all Water Users subject to modification by the Board.
- B. Water Waste Prohibitions. 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. All leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in a Water User's plumbing or distribution system must be repaired within 72 hours of notification that a leak exists. Exceptions may be granted by the General Manager for corrections which are not feasible or practical.
 2. Indiscriminate or excessive water use which allows excess to run to waste.
 3. Washing driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas with Potable water, except in cases where health or safety are at risk and the surface is cleaned with a Water Broom or other water efficient device or method. Water should be used only when traditional brooms are not able to clean the surface in a satisfactory manner.
 4. Power or pressure washing buildings and structures with Potable water, except when preparing surfaces for paint or other necessary treatments or when abating a health or safety hazard.
 5. Irrigation between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day, and irrigation on any day other than Saturdays and Wednesdays, except for irrigation overseen by a professional gardener or landscaper who is available on Site and that is not exceeding a maximum two watering days per week. This prohibition applies to hand watering with a hose, and irrigation systems whether spray, drip, or managed by a Smart Controller. Limited hand watering of plants or bushes with a small container or a bucket is permitted on any day at any time. Subsurface Graywater Irrigation Systems may also be operated at any time. An exemption may be given to a Non-Residential establishment whose business requires water in the course of its business practice (e.g. golf courses, nurseries, recreational space, among others) with notification by the business owner to the District, and subject to the approval of the General Manager.

Irrigation using water from a Well is exempt from the watering day restriction if irrigation is done in an efficient manner. Well irrigators located in urban areas are encouraged to display signage that indicates the water used for irrigation is from a Well or other Source of Supply on the Site.
 6. Hand watering by a hose, during permitted hours, without a quick acting Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle.

7. Irrigating during rainfall and for 48 hours after Measurable Precipitation.
8. Use of water for irrigation or outdoor purposes in a manner inconsistent with California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Code of Regulations, Title 23, Water, Division 2, Department of Water Resources, Chapter 2.7, and any successor regulations) where applicable, or in a manner inconsistent with local regulations.
9. Operation of fountains, ponds, lakes or other ornamental use of Potable water without recycling, and except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life, provided such animals are of significant value and have been actively managed.
10. Individual private washing of cars with a hose except with the use of a Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle.
11. Washing commercial aircraft, cars, buses, boats, trailers or other commercial vehicles with Potable water, except at water efficient commercial or fleet vehicle or boat washing facilities where equipment is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use.
12. In-Bay or Conveyor Car Washes permitted and constructed prior to January 1, 2014, that do not recycle and reuse at least 50 percent of the wash and rinse water. In-Bay or Conveyor Car Washes that were permitted and constructed after January 1, 2014, that do not either: (1) use and maintain a water recycling system that recycles and reuses at least 60 percent of the wash and rinse water; or (2) use Recycled Water provided by a water supplier for at least 60 percent of its wash and rinse water.
13. Charity car washes.
14. Use of Potable water for street cleaning.
15. Failure to meet MPWMD Regulation XIV water efficiency standards for an existing Non-Residential User after having been given a reasonable amount of time to comply.
16. Serving drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested, by a restaurant, hotel, café, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale.
17. Visitor-Serving Facilities that fail to adopt and promote towel and linen reuse programs and provide written notice in the rooms, whereby towels and linens are changed every three days or as requested by action of the guest.
18. Washing of livestock with a hose except with the use of a Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle.

19. Transportation of water from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System without prior written authorization from the MPWMD.
 20. Delivery, receipt, and/or use of water from an unpermitted Mobile Water Distribution System.
 21. Unreasonable or excessive use of Potable water for dust control or earth compaction without prior written approval of the General Manager where Non-Potable Water or other alternatives are available or satisfactory.
 22. Use of unmetered fire hydrant water by individuals other than for fire suppression or utility system maintenance purposes, except upon prior approval of the General Manager.
 23. Water use in excess of a Water Ration.
 24. Non-compliance with Regulations XIV and XV.
- C. The following activities shall not be cited as Water Waste:
1. Flow resulting from firefighting or essential inspection of fire hydrants;
 2. Water applied to abate spills of flammable or otherwise hazardous materials, where water application is the appropriate methodology;
 3. Water applied to prevent or abate health, safety, or accident hazards when alternate methods are not available;
 4. Storm run-off;
 5. Flow from fire training activities during Stage 1 Water Conservation through Stage 3 Water Conservation;
 6. Reasonable quantities of water applied as dust control as required by the Monterey Bay Air Resources District, except when prohibited;
 7. When a Mobile Water Distribution System Permit is not obtained by a State licensed Potable water handler by reason of an emergency or health related situation, authorization for the Mobile Water Distribution System Permit shall be sought from the District by submittal of a complete application compliant with Rule 21, within five working days following commencement of the emergency or health related event.

- D. Prohibitions against Water Waste and Non-Essential Water Use shall be enforced by the District and its designated agents, unless indicated otherwise. All notices and assessments of Water Waste and/or excess water use charges made by a Water Distribution System Operator shall be reported to the District within thirty (30) days.
- E. Each occurrence of Water Waste or Non-Essential Water Use that continues after the Water User has had reasonable notice to cease and desist that type of water use shall constitute a Flagrant Violation.
- F. Repeated occurrences of Water Waste or Non-Essential Water Use, which continue or occur after the Water User has had a reasonable notice to cease and desist that type of water use, or which continues or occurs after the Water User has had a reasonable opportunity to cure any defect causing that type of water use, shall provide cause for the placement of a Flow Restrictor with a maximum flow rate of six (6) CCF/month within the water line or Water Meter. Exemptions to the installation of a Flow Restrictor as a means to enforce the Water Ration shall occur when there are provable risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of the Water User. An exemption shall be made for Master Meters serving three or more Multi-Family Households or Master Meters serving both Residential and Non-Residential Users by substituting an excess water use charge equivalent to the appropriate Water Meter size, Rationing stage, and 4th offense amount times the number of Dwelling Units located on the Water Meter during each month in which a violation of the Water Ration occurs. The Responsible Party shall be liable for payment of all excess water use charges.
- G. Water Waste Fines shall be assessed as shown in Table XV-5. Table XV-5 may be amended by Resolution of the Board. Amendments to this table shall be concurrently made to the Fees and Charges Table found in Rule 60.
- H. In addition to Water Waste fines and fees described in this Rule 162, enforcement of all District Rules and Regulations is subject to District Regulation XI and may include an Administrative Compliance Order, a Cease & Desist Order, or other remedy available to the District under its Regulation XI.

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**Table XV-5
Water Waste Fines**

First offense	No fee: Written notice and opportunity to correct the situation
Fine for first Flagrant Violation	\$100*
Fine for second Flagrant Violation within two (2) months	\$250*
Fine for third and subsequent Flagrant Violations within twelve (12) months	\$500*
Fine for Administrative Compliance Order or Cease & Desist Order	Up to \$2,500 per day* for each ongoing violation, except that the total administrative penalty shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) exclusive of administrative costs, interest and restitution for compliance re-inspections, for any related series of violations
Late payment charges	Half of one percent of the amount owed per month
*Fines triple for customers using over 500,000 gallons/year	

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