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Community Meeting: Drought & Water Conservation in Manhattan Beach
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Manhattan Beach Library, 6:30 PM

AGENDA

Objective: To learn about California's drought and understand regulations and measures to conserve water in Manhattan Beach

- Overview: Drought Situation in CA
Tony Olmos, Public Works Director
Lauren Stargardter, 8th Grade
MBMS/Grades of Green
 - Water Conservation Outreach
Sona Coffee, Environmental Programs
Manager
 - Water Conservation Requirements for
Manhattan Beach
Raul Saenz, Utilities Manager
 - Solutions from West Basin Municipal
Water District
Gus Meza, Sr. Water Efficiency
Specialist
 - Tips from the Manhattan Beach
Botanical Garden
Charlotte Marshall, President
Julie Gonella, Vice President
 - Next Steps
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How Do Stage 3 Water Shortage Restrictions Impact Manhattan Beach?

To operate the City's water system safely the watering period will be one (1) time per week for 15 minutes between the hours of 6:00 PM – 9:00 AM on Wednesday evening – Thursday morning for even numbered addresses, and Friday evening – Saturday morning for odd numbered addresses, unless a drip irrigation system is used. This is in addition to the Permanent Water Conservation Requirements, as well as the restrictions in Stages 1 and 2.

Highlights of Permanent Water Conservation Requirements:

- NO lawn or landscape irrigation between 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- NO washing sidewalks, streets, walkways, patios, driveways, alleys or parking areas whether paved or unpaved, with a hose connected to a domestic water source
 - EXCEPTION: use of a **water broom** or pressure washer
- NO vehicle washing
 - EXCEPTION: use of a hand-held bucket or a hose with a positive action quick release shutoff valve or nozzle.
- NO filling water features (i.e. fountain, pond, lake, water display)
 - EXCEPTION: unless water feature is constructed with a water recycling system
- NO filling water recreation facilities (i.e. hot tub, spa, permanent swimming or wading pool)
 - EXCEPTION: unless constructed, installed or equipped with a cover to reduce water loss due to evaporation

Water is essential to our everyday lives. And, our supplies are limited...so please use water wisely. Cutting water use inside and outside our homes is really important. If each of us changed our water-use habits, we could save billions of gallons of water. Here's how you can help:

Indoor

What you can do:

Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes

Fix household leaks promptly

Spend only 5 minutes in the shower

Turn off the water while you brush your teeth

Buy water-saving devices like high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers. Some of these clothes washers are eligible for rebates!

How much you can save:

Saves up to 50 gallons per week

Saves up to 20 gallons per day

Saves up to 8 gallons each time

Saves up to 2.5 gallons per minute

Saves many gallons per day

Outdoor

What you can do :

Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks

Install a smart sprinkler controller that adjusts watering based on weather, soil type, amount of shade and plant type

Water your plants in the early morning or evening to reduce evaporation and ineffective watering due to wind
Mulch! Save hundreds of gallons a year by using organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.

Obtain **FREE** mulch thanks to the City's Community Mulch Program

Talk to your family and friends about saving water. If everyone does a little, we all benefit a lot.

To view the entire list of residential and commercial permanent requirements check out the [Water Conservation Ordinance](#) at www.citymb.info/drought. For more information contact the Public Works Department at (310) 802-5324.

How much you can save:

Saves up to 500 gallons per month

Saves up to 150 gallons each time

Saves up to 40 gallons per day

Saves up to 25 gallons each time

Saves up to 25 gallons each time