



Water Conservation Implemented for **ALL** PUD No. 1 Water Customers

Department of Ecology Declares Drought Emergency

As of July 20th, all customers must conserve water until the end of summer. Typically, this is lifted in September, depending on drought conditions. This imperative to help us avoid pressure loss and introduction of bacteria into the water supply. When that occurs, we must put water systems on a Boil Water Advisory and chlorinate the system until it is safe to drink again.

Recommended Conservation Measures

Indoor

- Do not run sink faucet while brushing teeth or shaving
- Check toilets for leaks; use food coloring or leak detection tablet in tank. If color appears in the bowl ten minutes later without flushing, there is a leak that requires immediate attention.
- Only run dishwasher when full. Use dishwasher instead of hand wash dishes, if available.
- Keep a bottle or pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator. This eliminates letting the tap run while waiting for water to get cold.
- Only wash clothes when there is a full load.

Outdoor

- Water lawn in the evening or early morning to minimize water loss due to evaporation.
- Do not water when it is windy.
- Water every other day or every 3 days. Grass typically only needs 1" of water per week and can be watered for 30 minutes twice a week. Some delicate shrubs and flowers require more frequent water, hand water these plants every other day.
- Fix leaks in sprinkler system and adjust sprinkler heads to eliminate over-spray on driveways and other paved or gravel surfaces.
- Add timers and rain sensors to sprinkler system so they run for a specific period of time and do not run if it rains.
- Add mulch to your garden.
- Allow your grass to go dormant.
- Do not let water run while washing your car, use a shut-off nozzle along with a bucket of soapy water. Or take your car to a professional car wash.
- Do not spray-clean sidewalks, patios, driveways, or other hard surfaces.
- Limit the filling of swimming pools and hot tubs.

If you have any questions, please call the District office at (360) 877-5249.

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