



BACKGROUND

In response to California's severe on going drought, the Governor released Executive Order (EO) B-29-15 on April 1, 2015, which included actions that will promote water conservation and make California more drought-resilient. About half of the urban water in California is used for landscape irrigation. Substantial water savings can be gained by proper landscape design, installation and maintenance. Outdoor irrigations represent the largest component of urban water use (44%). Reducing unnecessary water use is a key component of supporting California long-term sustainability.

STAGE 3 : WATER CONSERVATION

Those with EVEN addresses (based on last digit) will water on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. Those with ODD addresses (based on last digit) will water on Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Residents are allowed to water between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Draining and refilling of pools with permit only.

Water Conservation Resources

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
www.epa.gov/watersense
- City of Wasco
www.ci.wasco.ca.us
- PG&E
www.pge.com
- Water Use It Wisely Campaign
<http://wateruseitwisely.com>



HERO offers low-interest financing options that are repaid through your property taxes, which may provide tax benefits, to assist with water efficient product acquisition. Below are some of the products offered by HERO:

- Drip irrigation
- Rainwater catchment system
- Gray water system
- Drought tolerant landscaping

Water Conservation Strategies

**Conserve
Water,
Conserve
Life.**

**Make every
drop count!**

**Together we can
meet the State
determined
water conservation
goal for the City!**



Ways to Save

- Know how much water your landscape actually needs before you set your sprinklers
- WaterSense labeled irrigation controllers use local weather data to water only when needed
- Choose plants that need less water
- Group plants according to their water needs
- Maintain healthy soils
- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to help reduce evaporation, keep soil cool, inhibit weed growth, moderate soil temperature, and prevent erosion
- Adjust your lawn mower to the height of 1.5 to 2 inches. Taller grass shades roots and holds soil moisture better than short grass
- Leave lawn clippings on your grass, this cools the ground and holds in moisture
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so that only the lawn is watered, not the pavement, house or street. (Save 12-15 gallons each time you water)
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios. (Save 8-18 gallons/minutes)
- Wash cars with a bucket, sponge and hose with self closing nozzle. (Save 8-18 gallons/minute)

Drought Tolerant Landscape Examples

Water Smart Landscaping :

- Low water-using turf
- Low water-using shrubs
- Low water-using groundcover
- Low water-using trees
- Mulched beds
- Permeable pavers

Good choices make good landscapes!



The City of Long Beach provides six free drought tolerant landscape designs created by a landscape designer:

<http://www.lblawntogarden.com/node/53>

Water Usage Statistics

- Overwatering is one of the most common mistakes people make.
- The average American uses 181 gallons of water per day.
- California uses more water than any other state.
- Residential outdoors accounts for 33% of total urban water use in California.

WUCOLS (Water Use Characteristics of Landscape Species) offers plant lists of “low” and “very low” water use plants that are best suited for this area. The plant list is available online at :

http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/Plant_Search/