

WaterGram



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AFTER TWO DRY YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FEARS THIS YEAR MAY REPRESENT THE THIRD YEAR OF ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S WORST DROUGHTS IN HISTORY.



Governor's Request for 20 Percent Reduction

Folsom Reservoir - our only water source - was facing dangerously low water levels in February. Due to the grim outlook, our water supply cutbacks and the Governor's request for all water agencies to reduce water consumption by 20 percent this year, we announced a water warning in February requiring a mandatory 20 percent reduction in water use to help preserve our water supply.

Although Folsom Lake appears to have recovered after the March storms, its water, combined with Shasta Lake's water, is used for water supply throughout California. Current projections show Shasta Lake will not have an adequate water quantity available to meet projected water demands. As a result, Folsom Lake will be relied on to a larger extent to help meet some of these demands.

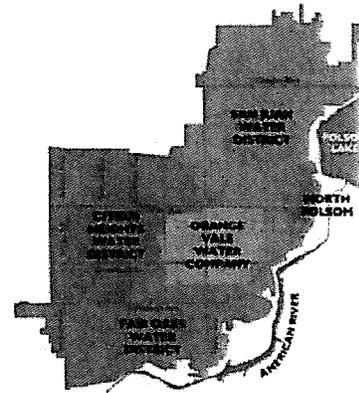
Throughout the summer, Folsom Lake's water availability will depend upon the actual snow melt that makes its way into the lake. As part of our efforts to balance our water supply, **we are requesting all customers help by reducing their water use by 20 percent until further notice.** Everyone needs to do their part to protect our water supply. Please review our Water Conservation Stage 3 Water Warning for more information.

STAGE 3 - WATER WARNING REQUIREMENTS

1. Use water for beneficial purposes only; all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited.
2. Confine water to your property and do not allow it to run onto adjoining properties or to the roadside ditch or gutter. Do not water past the point of saturation.
3. Free-flowing hoses for all uses are prohibited. Instead, install and use automatic shut-off devices on hoses.
4. Repair leaking pipes or faulty sprinklers immediately.
5. Ensure all pools, spas and ornamental fountains/ponds are leak-proof and install a recirculation pump. Draining or refilling pools is only allowed for health, maintenance or structural reasons.
6. Do not wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes.
7. Take advantage of SJWD's conservation programs and rebates.
8. Reduce landscape and pasture irrigation by 20 percent. Set "smart" irrigation timers or controllers are to achieve 75 - 89 percent of the evapotranspiration (ET) rate.
9. Reduce indoor water use by 20 percent. Visit our Web site (sjwd.org) or contact us at 791-2663 to learn more about reducing indoor water use.

Current Water Conservation Warning: Stage 3 - Voluntary Reductions Now Requested

Due to March's increased precipitation and snow levels, we have moved from a mandatory reduction request to a voluntary 20 percent water reduction request. Please see the back page for tips about saving water and money!



San Juan Family of Water Agencies

San Juan Water District wholesales surface water to the following agencies for distribution to their customers. All family agencies are requesting their customers to reduce water use by 20 percent.



Free Irrigation Workshop

Saturday, June 13 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join us for a free workshop about drip irrigation installation and other tips for improving your landscape irrigation. The workshop will be held at the SJWD office, 9935 Auburn Folsom Road in Granite Bay. These workshops are always well-attended, so please call 791-2663 to reserve your spot.