

Grizzly Flats CSD Newsletter September 2014

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION - IN EFFECT AS OF AUGUST 15, 2014!

As a result of the ongoing drought conditions in California, **all residents have been asked to reduce their water usage by 20%**. As of August 15, 2014 our District has adopted the following mandatory conservation actions to be in line with the State Water Resources Control Board's Emergency Regulations. These are mandatory for all water users and water providers! **Please read them carefully and be sure to adjust your outdoor watering times!**

Our water diversions are very low and not producing much water right now. Our reservoir is full and we may need to start using that water soon. **We have a limited supply of water in the reservoir so we all need to take steps to conserve water now!** We use the water in the reservoir when the flows from our diversions don't keep up with the customers' demand for water. **If the demand for water doesn't decrease, we may need to declare Water Conservation Stages (Stage 1, Stage 2 or Stage 3) soon.** Those will be in addition to the following Emergency Regulations.

MANDATORY ACTIONS BY WATER USERS

- Do not apply potable (treated water from GFCSO) water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures;
- Do not use a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
- Do not apply potable water to driveways, sidewalks, decks, or any other hard surfaces; and
- Do not use potable water in fountains or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

MANDATORY OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS

GFCSO potable water may only be used for outdoor watering **three (3) days per week**. This includes but isn't limited to watering lawns, landscapes, gardens, and fruit trees. This also includes drip systems and timed watering devices. Please be sure to adjust these devices if you have them installed.

Homes with addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) shall limit outdoor irrigation to Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Homes with addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) shall limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

ENFORCEMENT AGAINST WATER WASTE

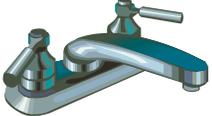
Citing and enforcement procedures for GFCSO customers, who within a calendar year, fail to comply with these emergency regulations shall be as follows:

- First Offense: Verbal and written warning
- Second Offense: \$50 fine
- Third Offense: \$100 fine
- Fourth Offense: Water Service Termination

We are asking all customers to do what you can to reduce your water usage at this time, but we are also aware that we have community members who are part-time residents or have very low water usage. Common sense will be used when evaluating customers' water use. When we calculate the 20% conservation, we look at our overall system and compare it to our system's water demand in 2013. We will not contact individual customers unless your usage is extremely high or you have failed to comply with the mandatory actions listed above. For now, water will be available for dust control to meet requirements set by El Dorado County or other regulatory agencies.

SUGGESTED CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

The less water we use, the longer our supply lasts! Review these suggestions for things you can do to reduce your water use! **The average person uses 196 gallons of water per day. Can you find a way to reduce your water use by 38 gallons per day so together we can reach our 20% conservation rate?**

<p>Install Aerators on bathroom faucets.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 1.2 gallons per person/day</p> 	<p>Wash only full loads of clothes.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 15-45 gallons per load</p>	<p>Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 10 gallons per person/day</p> 
<p>Take five minute showers instead of 10 minute showers.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 12.5 gallons</p>	<p>Fill the bathtub halfway or less for baths.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 12 gallons per person</p> 	<p>Install a water-efficient shower head.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 1.2 gallons per minute Or 10 gallons per average 10 minute shower.</p>
<p>Fix leaky toilets.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 30-50 gallons per day/toilet</p> 	<p>Install a high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallon/flush).</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 19 gallons per person/day</p>	<p>Run dishwasher when it's full instead of half full.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 5-15 gallons per load</p>
<p>Don't use the toilet as a trash can (flush only when necessary).</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 6 gallons per person/day</p>	<p>Don't leave water running while rinsing dishes.</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 175 gallons per week</p>	<p>Water in the early mornings or evenings (before 10:00 am or after 7:00 pm) to avoid high evaporation potential.</p>
<p>Use a broom instead of a hose to clean hard surfaces outdoors (now mandatory!).</p> <p><i>Saves</i> 75 gallons per week</p> 	<p>If you have a lawn, aerate it! This reduces the amount of water your lawn needs.</p> <p>Don't plant any new landscapes, lawns or trees until our State's water situation improves.</p>	<p>If you have ornamental or fruit trees, try using deep root watering and use mulch around your trees to reduce moisture loss.</p> 

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

The following websites have drought information, water saving ideas and much more!

- State of California's Drought site: <http://ca.gov/drought/>
- California Department of Water Resources site: <http://water.ca.gov/waterconditions/>
- A statewide program helping Californians reduce their everyday water use: <http://www.saveourh2o.org/>
- Here you can sort through nearly 200 water-saving tips, download and print tip posters, or share your favorites on social media. <http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/>