



City of Grover Beach

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City of Grover Beach Declares a Stage III Water Shortage Mandatory Water Conservation Measures to be Implemented

GROVER BEACH, CA – In response to ongoing drought conditions faced by the region, the Grover Beach City Council declared a Stage III Water Shortage condition on Monday, June 16th. ***A Stage III Water Shortage Declaration requires all customers to reduce their water usage by 10%.*** In addition to reduction in water usage, a number of prohibitions that had been “voluntary” during the last two years during the Stage II Declaration will now become “mandatory”. The Stage III Declaration will also provide the City the authority to impose penalties for failure to comply with water reduction or use prohibitions.

These ***prohibitions*** include:

- Use of potable water for street cleaning;
- Unauthorized use of water from any fire hydrant;
- Use of potable water to wash sidewalks or roadways where air blowers or sweeping provides a reasonable alternative;
- Use of potable water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill unless no other source of water or method can be used;
- Restaurant water service to patrons, unless upon request;
- Hydrant flushing, except where required for public health and safety;
- Refilling existing private pools, except to maintain water levels;
- Use of potable water for planting of turf and other new landscaping, unless it consists of low water using, drought-tolerant plants;
- Use of water for washing cars, boats, sidewalks, driveways or other exterior surfaces without a quick-acting shut-off nozzle on the hose; and
- Operations of any ornamental fountain or car wash, unless the water is re-circulated.

The City Council annually reviews rainfall and other information amounts and, based on that information, determines the appropriate water shortage stage of action. Below average rainfall and Lopez Lake storage levels indicate the City’s ***water supplies are approaching a severe water shortage condition.*** These drought conditions could compromise the City’s ability to deliver water and more stringent actions may become necessary. The City Council recognizes that this is the third year of drought conditions and that water use reductions will be necessary to protect existing water supplies.

If you have questions regarding the need to conserve water or ways to reduce your water consumption, you are encouraged to contact the **City of Grover Beach Public Works Department at (805) 473-4520** or visit the City website at **www.grover.org** and click “**Water Conservation Programs**” listed on the Public Works Department page - <http://www.grover.org/index.aspx?NID=221>.

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