

# 2016 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM



## *Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:*

### **Why is this happening?**

Although it has rained, California is still suffering its worst drought. State and Federal water use restrictions are still in effect. Agricultural and Municipal water allotments are still reduced. Local residents and businesses must conserve or risk facing penalties and reductions.

### **What are the allowable watering days for commercial and residential addresses?**

**ODD numbers may water on Tuesday and/or Saturday.**

**EVEN numbers may water on Wednesday and/or Sunday.**

No watering is allowed on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

No watering is allowed between the hours of 11:00 am and 7:00 pm on any day.

### **What about new plantings?**

New plantings, less than one year from the planting date, such as new lawns, ground coverings, and trees may be watered any day between 7:00 pm and 11:00 am, except Monday.

### **What should I do if I can't figure out how to set my sprinklers?**

If you have difficulty in adjusting your sprinklers or landscape irrigation system, please contact City Hall at 2174 Blossom Street or call 209 392-2174 to arrange for Public Works assistance.

### **Can I wash my car?**

You may wash your car on any day but only if the water source has an automatic shut-off to prevent run-off.

### **What does odd/even watering accomplish?**

When local water users follow this program, only half of the city's water users will be watering at any given time (approximately). This reduces the frequency of spikes in water usage, and may increase water pressure and availability for fire suppression.

### **What is currently prohibited by the State?**

Under actions taken by the Governor on April 1, 2015 and the State Water Resources Control Board on July 15, 2014 and March 17, 2015, **All Californians are now prohibited from:**

- Washing down driveways and sidewalks.
- Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff.
- Watering outdoor landscapes during or within 48 hours of any measureable rainfall.
- Washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
- Operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water to customers upon request.
- Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and prominently display notice of this option.

### **What if a family member or neighbor wastes water?**

Encourage your family member or neighbor to do their part to conserve water. If water continues to be wasted, please notify City Hall, 2174 Blossom Street, or call 209 392-2174.

### **What are the penalties?**

Lack of water when it may be needed. Depending on user compliance, drought conditions, and environmental regulations, Federal or State officials may impose more stringent water conservation measures and penalties. The City Council has provided that city staff who are legally authorized to issue citations may enforce this action with existing uniform code violation penalty fees (Resolution 2008-05). These are:

<b>First offense:</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>
<b>Second offense:</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>
<b>Third or more:</b>	<b>\$ 250</b>

### **What actions made this effective?**

**Executive Order by the Governor** effective April 1, 2015, State of California Water Resources Control Board regulations issued July 15, 2014 and March 17, 2015, and the City of Dos Palos Water Conservation Program adopted August 19, 2014 and revised April 21, 2015 and March 15, 2016. Each action remains in effect until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.