

Santa Fe Irrigation District Declares a Level 2 Drought Condition



On May 21, 2009, the Santa Fe Irrigation District declared a Level 2 Drought Condition

In a Level 2, the following are MANDATORY Water Use Restrictions:

- Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation, using sprinklers, to no more than ten (10) minutes per watering station per assigned day.
- Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only.
- During the months of June through October, limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than 3 assigned days a week. Addresses ending with **even** numbers are allowed to irrigate Saturday, Monday, & Wednesday. Addresses ending with **odd** numbers are allowed to irrigate Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Apartments, Condominiums, and Businesses are allowed to irrigate Monday, Wednesday & Friday. This does not apply to commercial growers or nurseries.
- During the months of November through May, landscape irrigation is limited to no more than once per week. Addresses ending with **even** numbers are allowed to irrigate Tuesday. Addresses ending with **odd** numbers are allowed to irrigate Thursday. Apartments, Condominiums, and Businesses are allowed to water on Wednesday. This does not apply to commercial growers or nurseries.
- Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
- Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
- Irrigate nursery and commercial grower's products before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of a nursery propagation bed is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.
- Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.
- Stop operating ornamental fountains or similar decorative water features unless recycled water is used.
- Repair all water leaks within 72 hours of notification by the Santa Fe Irrigation District unless other arrangements are made with the General Manager.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.