



City of San José Water Use Restrictions

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<p>San José Municipal Code Chapter 15.10, in effect at all times</p>	No irrigating landscapes between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., unless using a bucket, hand-carried container, or a hose with a shut-off nozzle.
	Sprinklers cannot run more than 15 minutes per station per day.
	No excessive water runoff is allowed.
	Leaking or broken water pipes, irrigation systems, and faucets must be fixed within five working days.
	No cleaning of structures or paved surfaces with a hose without a positive shut-off nozzle.
	No cleaning of vehicles with a hose without a positive shut-off nozzle.
	Commercial car washes must use water recycling equipment, a bucket and hand-washing, or a hose with positive shut-off nozzle.
	No serving water in food service establishments unless requested by the customer.
	Restaurants that use pre-rinse spray valves must use ones that are low-flow.
	Hotels/motels must provide guests the option to decline daily linen washing.
	Potable water cannot be used for building or construction purposes where another source of water is available (exceptions may be given by City).
	Water cannot be used from a hydrant without prior City approval.
Potable water cannot be used for irrigation purposes where a recycled water service is currently plumbed to the site.	

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<p>Stage 1</p> <p>Water conservation target of 10% or greater</p> <p><i>In effect as of July 1, 2016</i></p>	<p>Council may, by adoption of a resolution declaring a water shortage, specify the number of days per week, not to exceed four, that irrigation will be allowed. Council may also establish a day(s) of the week irrigation schedule(s).</p>
<p>Stage 2</p> <p>Water conservation target of 25% or greater</p>	<p>No filling ornamental lakes or ponds with potable water.</p> <p>Filling of non-recirculating decorative fountains with potable water is prohibited.</p> <p>No potable water may be used to clean any exterior paved or hard-surfaced area, or the exterior of any building or structure except with a bucket or in preparation for the application of any architectural coating (exceptions may be given by City).</p> <p>No washing of vehicles, except at a commercial car washing facility that utilizes a recirculating water system to capture or reuse water.</p>
<p>Stage 3</p> <p>Water conservation target of 30% or greater</p>	<p>No new outdoor landscaping or plantings shall be installed between the months of May through October in an area with an overhead irrigation system, unless the overhead irrigation system is disconnected, removed, or converted to drip irrigation. Exceptions: drought-tolerant/native plants, plants/trees grown for consumption or environmental mitigation.</p> <p>No refilling residential swimming pools or outdoor spas more than one foot; no initial filling with potable water, except when existing pools are drained to repair leaks.</p> <p>Public use of water from hydrants is prohibited.</p>
<p>Stage 4</p> <p>Water conservation target of 40% or greater</p>	<p>Filling of any swimming pool, fountain, or spa is prohibited.</p> <p>Leaks, broken water pipes, irrigation systems, and faucets must have repairs initiated within 48 hours.</p>

Other Water Use Restrictions

State Water Board Restrictions, in effect at all times	No watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes excess runoff.
	No washing down sidewalks, driveways, and other hardscapes.
	No watering outdoor landscapes during or up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
	No operating a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is part of a re-circulating system.
	No washing a motor vehicle with a hose, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
	No irrigating ornamental turf on public street medians.
	No serving drinking water other than upon request in eating or drinking establishments.
	Hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and will display a notice of this option in each bathroom.
San Jose Water Company Restrictions	In addition to the City and State rules above, customers of San Jose Water Company may be subject to additional rules. For more information, visit www.sjwater.com
Great Oaks Water Company Restrictions	In addition to the City and State rules above, customers of Great Oaks Company may be subject to additional rules. For more information, visit www.greatoakswater.com
San José Municipal Water System Restrictions	San José Municipal Water System customers are not subject to additional rules.