



RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT STAGE 2 WATER ALERT

PRESS RELEASE (January 17, 2014)

Based on the ongoing drought conditions that adversely impact Rancho Murieta Community Services District's (District) ability to fill its three (3) water supply reservoirs, the District's Board of Directors, at the January 15, 2014 District Board meeting, voted to declare a Stage 2 Water Warning and urge customers to reduce water use by 20%.

While the District is not facing an immediate water supply emergency, the District is requiring cut backs due to the probability that the District's reservoir supply will not be able to meet all the water demands of its customers for the dry summer ahead.

The average single family household uses approximately 461 gallons per day on a yearly basis. Summer use is substantially higher due to irrigation. A 20% reduction, on average, would be approximately 92 gallons of water per day. Here are some water savings tips you can implement TODAY to do your part to conserve water:

- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios.
 - ◆ Use an automatic shut-off nozzle on your hose.
 - ◆ Repair all leaks and broken sprinkler heads promptly.
 - ◆ Install a water-efficient drip irrigation system for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
 - ◆ Adjust sprinklers to avoid overspray and runoff.
 - ◆ Reduce each irrigation cycle by two (2) minutes. Consider delaying irrigation until March.
 - ◆ Landscape watering is limited to a maximum of **two (2) days per week** if and when necessary and no watering schedule (e.g., additional minutes) increases are permissible on designated watering days. Watering days need to be based on the following schedule.
 - ✓ Customers in Watering Group A* may irrigate only on **Tuesdays and Saturdays**.
 - ✓ Customers in Watering Group B** may irrigate only on **Wednesdays and Sundays**.
- (*Group A - Murieta North) (**Group B - Murieta South, Murieta Village and commercial)*
- ◆ Take 5 minute showers instead of 10 minute showers.
 - ◆ Turn off faucet when brushing teeth and/or shaving.
 - ◆ Fix leaky toilets and faucets.
 - ◆ Wash only full loads of clothes and only run the dishwasher when it is full.
 - ◆ Install aerators on kitchen and bathroom faucets.
 - ◆ Restaurants shall serve water only upon specific request.

All customers are encouraged to report observed water waste at 916-354-3700.

The District's Security Officers will be notifying District operations of any observed water waste for follow-up action.