



Water use curtailment May to October 2009

The Soquel Creek Water District requests all customers to reduce their water use by 15% during the dry season, May to October. This year's rainfall was 30% below normal. The groundwater basins that supply water to our area remain in overdraft, and seawater intrusion continues to be a threat throughout the District's service area.

Follow the practices below to help us achieve the 15% reduction!

- Practice water conservation and minimize or discontinue water use for non-essential purposes.
- Water landscape before 10 am and after 5pm to reduce loss to evaporation.
- Limit irrigation of landscaped areas.
- No indiscriminate running of water or washing with water which is wasteful.
- Do not wash exterior surfaces without the use of a positive, shut-off nozzle on the hose or when a broom or some other waterless device will suffice.
- Do not allow plumbing leaks or malfunctions to go un-repaired for more than 24 hours after being discovered.
- Do not operate fountains or automated carwashes that do not recycle the water.
- Restaurants should only serve water upon request. Table tents instructing customers to ask for water are available free of charge.
- Hotels and motels should give guests the choice to reuse towels and linens to reduce water use for laundry. Guest signs for the bathroom and bedside tables are available free of charge.
- Do not water landscape to an extent which allows excess water to run off the area being watered.

If there is excessive waste, users may be assessed a re-establishment fee after 2 consecutive violation letters are issued according to resolution #06-08.

If reduction goals are not met, mandatory 30% water use curtailment will be considered.

See www.watersavingtips.org for other Santa Cruz County water use restrictions.

Thank you for conserving.

See water waste? Call 475-8500