



SCOTTS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Policy

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It is the policy of the Board of Directors of Scotts Valley Water District:

This policy applies to all persons, corporations, public or private entities, governmental agencies or institutions, or any other water users using District water both within and outside the District Service Area, regardless of whether water user has a contract for water service with the District.

Prohibited water uses:

1. Indiscriminate running of water or washing with water which is wasteful and without reasonable purpose.
2. Watering of any plant material or landscape in a manner or to an extent which allows excess water to run off from the area being watered.
3. Escape of water through leaks, breaks, or malfunctions within the water user's plumbing or distribution system for any period of time within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected.
4. Use of potable water by overhead spray to irrigate any plant material or landscape between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm.
5. Irrigation during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall.
6. Irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians.
7. Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission.
8. Washing or rinsing of hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios, or alleys, except when necessary to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards and when a broom or other waterless device will not suffice. If

necessary for the above reasons, washing may only be done with a bucket or similar container, a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a pressure washer, a low-volume, high-pressure water efficient water broom, or a cleaning machine equipped to recycle the water used.

9. Use of water for building exteriors, mobile home exteriors, or decks without a positive shut-off nozzle on the hose or pressure washer. All water must stay on site and not enter the storm drain system.
10. Washing of cars, boats, or recreational vehicles washing may only be done with a bucket or similar container, a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, or a pressure washer, a low-volume, high-pressure water efficient water broom, or a cleaning machine equipped to recycle the water used.
11. Man-made water features, including but not limited to ponds, lakes, waterfalls, fountains, and streams, without an impermeable liner. The operation of any ornamental fountain, automated carwash, or other such structure using water from the District's domestic potable water system unless water for such use is re-circulated.
12. Use of water in mechanical equipment purchased and installed after the adoption of this Ordinance that utilizes a single pass cooling system. Water used for all cooling purposes shall be re-circulated.
13. Use of potable water for dust control or soil compaction purposes in construction activities where there is a reasonably available source of recycled water appropriate for such use.
14. Use of water from any fire hydrant unless specifically authorized by permit from the District, except by regularly constituted fire protection agencies for fire suppression purposes.
15. Watering during a publicly declared drought in a manner that is not compliant with imposed restrictions.

Enforcement:

Any customer who fails to comply with the prohibited water uses will be found to be in violation of these regulations and may be subject to enforcement as described below:

1. Initial Notification: Explanation of prohibited water uses and nature of violation - either verbally or in writing - describing the time, place, and general description of the violation.
2. Second Notification: If condition in violation is not corrected, or, at a minimum no arrangements have been made for correction, the District shall issue a Second Notification.
3. Final Notification: If violation is not corrected as a result of the initial or second notification, customer's potable water service may be disconnected, regardless of the type of violation, and/or a fine of \$100 (or other amount as set by the State regulations) may be charged for each calendar day in which the violation occurs.