

## Running Springs Water District June 2022 Newsletter



The Running Springs Water District is providing this Newsletter to our customers as part of our public outreach effort to share information regarding the District's ongoing activities, operations, and services.

### **Drought & Water Conservation**

On May 24, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted an emergency regulation (Regulation) requiring urban water suppliers to implement the demand reduction actions identified in their Water Shortage Contingency Plans (WSCP) for a stage two water shortage by June 10, 2022. For the Running Springs Water District (District) these include:

- 1. There shall be no hose washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, or other paved surfaces, except as required for sanitary purposes.
- 2. Washing of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and other mobile equipment shall be done only with a hand-held bucket or a hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses, except that washing may be done at the immediate premises of a commercial car wash using recycled water.
- 3. No water shall be used to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes, or other similar aesthetic structures unless such water is part of a recycling system.
- 4. No restaurant, hotel, cafe, cafeteria, or other public place where food is sold, served, or offered for sale shall serve drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested.
- 5. All customers of the District shall promptly repair all leaks from indoor and outdoor plumbing fixtures.
- 6. No lawns or landscaped areas shall be watered more often than every third day, or between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 7. No customer of the District shall cause or allow water to run from landscaped areas into an adjoining street, sidewalks, or other paved areas due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering.

- 8. Residential Users:
  - a. Full-time residents of the District shall be entitled to use up to 760 cubic feet of water per month, and part-time residents of the District shall be entitled to use up to 300 cubic feet of water per month in a Stage 2 Shortage, without penalty.
  - b. The amount of water used in excess of 760 cubic for full-time residents, and in excess of 300 cubic feet for part-time residents, shall be reduced by ten to twenty percent (10% 20%) of their consumption used in 2013.
- 9. Commercial Users:
  - a. Except as provided in subsection b, below, commercial businesses, restaurants, and other commercial users shall be required to reduce their water consumption for each billing period by ten percent (10%) of their consumption used in 2013.
  - b. Water use for commercial laundromats shall be limited to no more than the amount of water used on the customer's premises during a timeframe designated by the Board.
- 10. Park and Recreation User Category:
  - a. Park and Recreation facilities shall be required to reduce their water consumption for each billing period by ten percent (10%) of their consumption used during 2013
- 11. Public School Facility User Category:
  - a. The local Public School facility shall be required to reduce their water consumption for each billing period by ten percent (10%) of their consumption used during 2013.
- 12. Outside Service Agreements:
  - a. During a Phase 2 shortage, water deliveries by the District to areas being served pursuant to District's standard outside service agreements will be reduced for each billing period by ten percent (10%) of their consumption used in 2013.
- 13. Undeveloped Property Residential Water Meters:
  - a. An undeveloped property that has a residential water meter installed for irrigation purposes will have the meter turned off and service discontinued. Service will not be resumed until after the water shortage has been lowered

to a Phase 1 shortage, or no water shortage is declared.

### 14. Irrigation Water Meters:

a. A developed property which has installed an irrigation water meter used solely for irrigating vegetation will have the meter turned off and service discontinued. Service will not resume until after the water shortage has been lowered to a Phase 1 shortage, or no water shortage is declared.



Please visit SaveOurH2O.org to find out how everyone can do their part and visit Drought.CA.Gov to learn more about how California is dealing with the effects of the drought.

#### Ten Outdoor Water Conservation Tips To Save Water And Lower Your Monthly Bill

1. Do not overwater your plants. More plants die from overwatering than from underwatering. Make sure the soil is dry several inches down near the base of the plant before watering.

2. Deep soak each time you water. Watering deeply creates a healthy root system that is better equipped to withstand drought and heat.

3. Cut back on watering when runoff occurs. Allow moisture to soak into the ground by lowering the duration of watering.

4. Use watering cans whenever possible, especially when watering just a few patio plants. Watering with a hose may actually put more water on the patio than in the containers as you move from plant to plant.

5. Water early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cool and winds are calm.

6. Check hose connections for leaks and repair them promptly.

7. Adjust your sprinklers so water is aimed directly at plants rather than driveways, fences, or the street.

8. Install a drip irrigation system or soaker hose around trees and shrubs.

9. Using mulch around plants and trees will greatly slow the evaporation of water from the soil.

10. Grow drought tolerant plants, many of which can survive with less than an inch of water per week, once established.

Please visit the District's website at: <u>http://www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com/</u> for more information on water conservation.

# Pay your water and sewer bill online and view account information

The District has implemented a new utility billing system and customers can now go online to view their account information. Our new system allows customers to view their transaction history including their current balance due, make payments, view their water usage history data for the previous two years, and view payment arrangements, contracts and deposits associated with their account. Customers are able to manage multiple accounts in one convenient location. Use the following web address to register:

http://www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com

Click on the link to "PAY MY UTILITY BILL" Click "Quick Pay" or "Sign in or sign up"

For more information regarding District functions and activities, please visit the District's websites at:

www.runningspringswaterdistrict.com www.runningspringsfd.org

or contact the District office by phone at 909-867-2766, or by mail at P.O. Box 2206, Running Springs, CA, 92382. In addition, we hold public Board Meetings at 9:00 a.m. on every third Wednesday of the month at our District Office located at 31242 Hilltop Blvd. (Highway 18) in Running Springs. Members of the public are always invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Please provide your email address on your next bill if you would like to receive District information by email.

"The Mission of the Running Springs Water District is to provide water, fire, emergency medical service, sewer, and other beneficial services to the community: The goal of the District shall be to do so with the highest level of integrity and ethical principles and in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible."