

Benicia Water Shortage Emergency

LANDSCAPE WATERING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The Benicia City Council has adopted emergency outdoor watering restrictions that limit watering by automatic sprinkler systems to three days per week on specific days and times.

From April 1 to October 15, outside watering is limited according to the following schedule:

- Customers with addresses ending in an ODD number **(1, 3, 5, 7 or 9)** can water on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**
- Customers with addresses ending in an EVEN number **(0, 2, 4, 6 or 8)** can water on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**
- Customers are allowed to water on their designated days only, before 8 a.m. or after 7 p.m. to minimize evaporation.

From October 16 to March 31, sprinklers will be limited to one day per week — on Saturdays or Sundays only (customer choice).

The Following Are Not Permitted

- Using a garden hose without a shut-off nozzle
- Using water to wash sidewalks, driveways, patios and other paved areas
- Allowing water to run into the gutter
- Failing to repair a controllable leak
- Running sprinklers during rain or 48 hours after

Exempted From The Ordinance

- Efficient, low-volume irrigation (such as drip irrigation)
- Watering container plants
- Watering using a hand-held bucket
- Running sprinklers for very short periods in order to make repairs
- Using a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle
- Turf at schools, sports fields, public parks, day care and other recreational areas (may be watered four days per week during summer)

The restrictions apply to both residential and commercial customers and will remain in effect until the Benicia City Council declares an end to the water shortage emergency.

QUESTIONS?

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ORDINANCE, AS WELL AS WATER-WISE TIPS AND INFORMATION ABOUT FREE SERVICES AND REBATES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WATER CONSERVATION TEAM AT (707) 746-4380 OR WATER@CI.BENICIA.CA.US OR VISIT BENICIASAVESWATER.ORG.