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Folsom Lake water levels at near record low; City mandates 20% water use reduction

Under the Water Warning Conservation Stage imposed today, mandatory water use restrictions for businesses and residences limit landscape watering to two designated days per week; prohibit washing of parking lots, street, driveways or sidewalks; and prohibit use of City water for construction purposes without approval.

“During cold winter months, landscapes need very little water, making this an easy time of year to achieve significant water savings,” says Marcus Yasutake, Environmental and Water Resources Director. “Approximately 60 percent of the water used by a typical Folsom family is directed to landscape. We’re encouraging residents to turn off sprinklers to conserve water. An added benefit will be significant savings on water bills.”

Those who choose to water are restricted to two days per week (with the exception of drip irrigation, which may be conducted any day).

- Residents with street numbers that end in an even number water on Wednesday and Sunday.
- Those with street addresses that end in an odd number may only water on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- No watering is permitted on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Avoid excessive watering that runs off onto sidewalks, streets and gutters.
- Washing of streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or buildings is prohibited except as necessary for health, sanitation or fire protection.

City officials are slashing water usage for Landscape and Lighting districts, local parks and City property, and will continue to monitor and correct any overflow problems on public property.

The City’s water conservation specialists offer assistance to help residents conserve water. Free consultations may be scheduled by calling (916) 355-7252 or emailing WaterConservation@folsom.ca.us. To report a water service problem or water break emergency after business hours or on weekends and holidays, call (916) 985-4848.

Additional information is posted on the City’s website at www.folsom.ca.us.

