

# Coachella Valley Water District

## Water-use restrictions fact sheet

In response to California's devastating drought and state-mandated restrictions, Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) implemented mandatory water-use restrictions on Aug. 12, 2014, effective immediately.

### What are the restrictions that apply to everyone using domestic water?

1. Irrigate lawns/other landscaping only after sunset and before 10 a.m., except when over-seeding.
2. Use CVWD's *drought watering guide* to irrigate: [www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php](http://www.cvwd.org/conservation/wateringguide.php).
3. Repair broken sprinklers within 24 hours of being notified.
4. Do not wash down driveways, sidewalk and other hardscapes.
5. Only use a hose with a shutoff nozzle when washing vehicles, windows, solar panels, tennis courts.
6. Prevent runoff onto a neighbor's property or hardscape such as sidewalks or roads.
7. Operate fountains or other water features only if they recirculate the water.

Some of the listed actions are not prohibited if they are needed to address an immediate health and safety need, use recycled water or if taken to comply with a condition of a state or federal agency-issued permit.

### What about businesses?

The above restrictions apply to residents and businesses. In addition:

1. Restaurants can serve water to customers only upon request.
2. Hotels are being asked to place messages in guest rooms promoting water conservation.

### What are the fines for violating the restrictions?

First offense is a written warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is a \$50 fine on the water bill; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense is a \$100 fine; and 4<sup>th</sup> offense is a \$200 fine.

### What is CVWD doing to help residents and businesses conserve water?

Also on Aug. 12, CVWD approved an additional \$540,000 for conservation programs, increasing funding to nearly \$1.4 million for the fiscal year. Conservation programs include:

1. Residents can receive \$1 a square foot, up to \$1,000 per project (maximum two projects), for converting grass lawns to desert-friendly landscaping. Commercial/large landscape customers can receive up to \$25,000 per project.
2. Smart controllers are free for residents; CVWD will refund half the cost for large landscape customers.
3. Rebates cover the cost of new generation irrigation nozzles (up to \$4 each).
4. Indoor water conservation kits are free for residents:  
<http://www.cvwd.org/conservation/residentialkit.php>
5. Residents can receive \$100 rebates for installing a high-efficiency toilet (maximum two per home). Commercial establishments, such as hotels, can receive a rebate of half the cost of installing these water-efficient toilets.
6. Pre-rinse nozzles and water broom sets will be distributed free to restaurants, schools and other commercial, institutional or industrial customers.

### Where can I find additional information?

Visit CVWD's website at [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org).



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# Guide

Reduce your water usage by 20% to help reduce demand on the aquifer

## Drought Irrigation

**Irrigation guide for turfgrass** (in minutes per day)

Month	Spray heads	Rotary heads
January	3	7
February	5	13
March	7	18
April	10	22
May	12	27
June	14	30
July	13	30
August	12	27
September	10	22
October	7	14
November	4	10
December	3	6

This table shows the approximate amount of water different landscaping typically needs. Individual watering times vary based on sprinkler efficiency, soil and weather conditions.

To help combat California's declared drought all customers have been asked to reduce their water use by 20%. Here are some tips to help reduce your water usage.

Here are some tips to help achieve this goal.

- ◆ Adjust your irrigation timer monthly according to CVWD's recommended irrigation guide.
- ◆ When there's measurable rain, turn your sprinkler system off and keep it off until the ground has dried.
- ◆ Check out CVWD's rebate and discount programs for homeowners, HOAs and businesses at [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org).
- ◆ Attend a CVWD Water Wise landscape workshop to learn more about desert horticulture.

Visit [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org) or call (760) 398-2651 for information and water wise tips.

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