



**Scotts Valley Water District
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Scotts Valley Water District Drought Response

Scotts Valley Water District held a public hearing on April 9th to consider possible drought response measures for 2009. At the close of the hearing, the Board of Directors voted to establish a goal of 10 percent average water conservation throughout the District. This 10 percent goal recognizes that some individuals in the District have already cut water use substantially in response to previous calls for conservation, while others still have a ways to go. This action combined with the current 10 percent reduction in potable water use achieved through the recycled water program will help the District reach an overall 20 percent water savings target. In addition, the following mandatory measures became effective April 10, 2009:

1. **No watering between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** – This reduces the amount of water lost from evaporation.
2. **Prohibit washing of any outdoor impervious surface** – Impervious surfaces do not allow water to be recharged into the aquifer. Instead water is collected in storm drains and sent to the bay. Sweeping is recommended instead of washing.
3. **Display by restaurants and hotels of water conservation signs** – Hotels and restaurants provide an effective venue for informing residents and visitors of current drought conditions.
4. **Restaurant serving of water to patrons upon request only** - Each glass of water served at a restaurant is five glasses of water wasted as a result of the cleaning process.
5. **No potable bulk water sales – construction bulk use with recycled water only** – Construction water is used for non-potable purposes. Therefore the use of recycled water for construction is most appropriate during periods of drought.

Scotts Valley Water District would also like to remind customers of the existing water waste prohibitions:

1. Unauthorized use of water from any fire hydrant.
2. Landscape irrigation that allows excess water to run to waste.
3. Uncorrected plumbing leaks, breaks, or malfunctions.
4. Use of water for washing cars, boats, sidewalks, driveways, or other exterior surfaces without a quick-acting shut-off nozzle on the hose.
5. Operation of any ornamental fountain or car washes unless the water is re-circulated.

Information about how to achieve 10 percent water conservation at your home is available on the Scotts Valley Water District website. This information can also be obtained by stopping by the District office at 2 Civic Center Dr. in Scotts Valley or by calling (831) 438-2363.