

Water Conservation Ordinance

Know Your Watering Days

Fact Sheet



Did you know that about 40% of all drinking water in Los Angeles is used for landscape irrigation? The City of Los Angeles Water Conservation Ordinance currently in effect helps city residents and businesses conserve precious potable water.



Sprinkler Use Restrictions

Outdoor watering with sprinklers is restricted to three days a week with different watering days assigned to odd-numbered and even-numbered street addresses.

- Customers with odd-numbered street addresses – ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 – are allowed to use their sprinkler systems on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Customers with even-numbered street addresses – ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8 – are allowed to use their sprinkler systems on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.
- Watering with sprinklers is limited to one cycle of up to 8 minutes per station per watering day for non-conserving nozzle sprinkler systems (typical residential system), or two 15-minute cycles per watering day for conserving nozzle sprinkler systems.
- All outdoor watering is prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., regardless of the watering day.

Street addresses ending in fractions are treated as whole numbers and observe the same day restrictions as others on their same side of the street (i.e.: 4321 ½ is regarded as 4321, an odd-numbered address.)



Other Prohibited Water Uses

- Watering of any hard surfaces such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways or parking areas;
- Outdoor watering during periods of rain;
- Allowing runoff onto streets and gutters from excessive watering;
- Allowing leaks from any pipe or fixture to go unrepaired;
- Washing vehicles without using a hose with a self-closing water shut-off nozzle; and
- Serving water to customers in restaurants unless specifically requested.

For a comprehensive list of all the prohibited uses of water, please visit www.LADWP.com/WaterConservation.

Variance Requests

Customers may apply for a Hardship Variance from specific Ordinance requirements. Variance Instructions and Forms are available online at www.LADWP.com/WaterConservation and at all LADWP Service Center locations.