

SEASONAL DEMAND MANAGEMENT POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide a means for conserving the water supply during the peak summer demand months and on those occasions of anticipated or actual shortages and when deemed necessary for the health or welfare of the districts customers. At a minimum, the District shall enforce demand management policies during the period of May 1st to September 30th on an annual basis.

The duration of these mandatory restrictions for lawn and landscaping watering using sprinklers shall be for the period between May 1st to September 30th of each and every year. Irrigation of lawns, gardens, and landscaping by a sprinkler, be it either installed or by a hose, is limited to properties corresponding to the day of the month and said properties legal address as follows:

(1a) Address ending in an even number or any fraction of a number or a letter may irrigate on even number calendar days from May 1st to September 30th on an annual basis.

(1b) Address ending in an odd number may irrigate on odd number calendar days from May 1st to September 30th on an annual basis.

(2) Owners of newly seeded or sod lawns may apply to the Superintendent for a twenty (20) day exclusion from this rule. A Notice of Exclusion shall be provided by the District. A service fee shall be charged for preparation of the Notice of Exclusion. Exclusions are not transferable, and the notice shall be displayed in a window of the property so as to be visible from the street. The twenty day exclusion shall be for a period not to exceed twenty consecutive calendar days.

(3) Enforcement: The Board of Water Commissioners through their designated representatives shall diligently enforce the provisions of this rule. The Board shall for each and every violation of this section provide written notice of violation. Said notice shall be issued at the time the violation is observed by the Board of Water Commissioners or their designated representatives. Said notice of violation shall be given to an occupant of the property if one is present or left at the premises if no occupant is present to receive the notice. Said notice shall require the immediate termination of the violation. Advisory notices may be sent to properties reported to the District as being in violation of this section. An advisory notice shall not be counted as a violation for the assessment of a service fee.

(4) Violations: Violations in the first year of this rule: Written notice of violation as described in the presiding paragraph for the first and second offence, and thereafter for the third and subsequent violations as prescribed in the rate schedule. Violations in the second and subsequent years of this rule: Written notice of the violation plus a service fee for preparation and delivery of the violation notice as prescribed in the rate schedule.

(5) The provisions of this section do not apply to watering of lawns, gardens and landscape, or any other water use by a hose held in the hand. Nor shall the provisions of this rule be enforced on the 31st day of any month except as provided for in paragraph (6). Nor shall these rules apply to any customer who uses a separate water supply such as a well or surface water for irrigation.

(6) The Board of Water Commissioners, at their discretion, may impose temporary water use restrictions more stringent than those provided for in this section. Said temporary restrictions shall be imposed as the result of a declared water emergency and shall supersede any seasonal water demand measures in place at the time. A water emergency may be declared by the Board at any time during drought alerts or advisories issued by the State, or due to circumstances or conditions of a well, storage tower or the distribution system which warrant such a declaration. At a minimum, a declared water emergency shall prohibit the irrigation of lawns, gardens, and landscaping by a sprinkler, be it installed or by hose. Other water restrictive use measures may be imposed by the Board at any time during a declared water emergency if conditions warrant additional restrictions. A water emergency once declared by the Board shall remain in effect for no less than five days and no more than thirty days.

(7) The provisions of this section shall not apply to independent sources of water used for lawn irrigation such as private wells, streams or ponds.