

Santa Fe Irrigation District Declares a Level 1 Drought Condition



On October 16, 2008, the Santa Fe Irrigation District declared a Level 1 Drought Condition

Customers are urged to voluntarily reduce their water use by 10%

In a Level 1, the following are VOLUNTARY Water Use Restrictions:

- Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.
- Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
- Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only.
- Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.
- Irrigate nursery and commercial grower's products before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of a nursery propagation bed is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.
- Use re-circulated water to operate ornamental fountains.
- Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on-site. Avoid washing during hot conditions when additional water is required due to evaporation.
- Serve and refill water in restaurants and other food service establishments only upon request.
- Offer guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.
- Repair all water leaks within five (5) days of notification by the Santa Fe Irrigation District unless other arrangements are made with the General Manager.
- Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes when available.