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## **Trabuco Canyon Water District limits outdoor irrigation to 2 days a week, and prohibits water waste in an effort to cut water use 32%**

TCWD enacts fines for customers who violate rules, offers tips to save money and water

**TRABUCO CANYON, California** – Under emergency orders from the state to cut water use 32%, Trabuco Canyon Water District has imposed a two-day-a-week limit on watering.

The District also has enacted restrictions on watering duration, ornamental ponds and lakes, and has begun warning customers they could face fines up to \$500 if they don't comply.

"We appreciate the commitment that many of our customers have made to conservation," said Hector Ruiz, General Manager. "But the drought is serious, and the State Water Board's Order for TCWD to cut water use by 32% is also serious. We need all our customers to help meet this Order."

On Friday (5/15), the TCWD Board of Directors declared a Level 2 Water Alert, which places the following restrictions on customers:

- **Residential watering days:** Water your lawn and landscape no more than two days a week, following the schedule at right. November-March, you will be limited to one day a week.
- **HOA watering days:** HOA's using recycled water are not subject to these watering restrictions and watering days may not align with residential watering days.
- **Watering duration:** No more than five minutes per day per irrigation station. (Watering limits do not apply to very low-flow drip irrigation systems in which no emitter produces more than two gallons per hour.)

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>WATERING DAYS</b>
Dove Canyon	Tue & Fri
Trabuco Highlands	Mon & Thu
Robinson Ranch	Tue & Fri
Rancho Cielo	Mon & Thu
Walden Homes	Mon & Thu
Trabuco Canyon (Uninc.)	Tue & Fri
Santiago Canyon Estates	Mon & Thu
Portola Hills	Tue & Fri
Vista Homes	Tue & Fri

- **Leaks and breaks:** Irrigation leaks and malfunctions must be repaired within 48 hours.
- **Limits on filling ornamental lakes or ponds:** Ornamental lakes and ponds may not be filled or refilled, except to sustain aquatic life or protect public health or sanitation.
- **Other prohibited uses:**
  - The applications of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited.
  - Irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians is prohibited.

TCWD also reminded customers to follow statewide mandatory conservation measures already in place:

- Do not hose or wash down sidewalks, driveways or other pavement except to alleviate immediate fire or sanitation hazards.
- Do not run your hose while washing your vehicle. Use a bucket or a shutoff nozzle, or patronize a local carwash.
- No watering between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., except by hand with an automatic shut-off nozzle or device.
- Do not allow runoff onto hard surfaces.

California’s worsening drought and Governor Jerry Brown’s mandated conservation targets triggered the Level 2 Water Alert, part of an action plan spelled out in an ordinance approved by the TCWD board in 2008.

The Level 2 rules take effect June 1 and continues through February 2016, when the Governor’s executive order is scheduled to expire.

Failure to comply with any of the restrictions may result in fines. The ordinance authorizes fines up to \$100 for a second violation and up to \$250 for a third. On fourth and subsequent violations, water wasters may be fined up to \$500 and the District may install a water flow restrictor or terminate service.

The District encourages customers to review their usage – especially outdoors. For details on regulations, rebates, up-to-date drought information and tips for saving water please visit our website, [tcwd.ca.gov](http://tcwd.ca.gov). If you have additional questions or need help, please contact Customer Service at [customerservice@tcwd.ca.gov](mailto:customerservice@tcwd.ca.gov) or 949-858-0277.

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