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## **City Issues First Spare the Water Alert of 2011**

*Sacramento Utilities Department reminds customers to consider water use during hottest summer days*

The City of Sacramento Department of Utilities announces its first Spare the Water Alert of 2011. Spare the Water Alerts are declared when three consecutive days of 100+ degree temperatures are forecasted. Due to the projected length of the warming trend and the holiday weekend, the City is asking customers to voluntarily cut back on their non-essential water use, only water their lawns on their scheduled water day and before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m., and to use major water-using appliances, such as washing machines and dishwashers only with full loads and before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. through July 5, 2011.

“When temperatures reach their peak, demand for water stretches the City's treatment and pumping abilities, making it difficult to refill storage supplies overnight. Refilling these supplies is critical to running the distribution system efficiently, having enough water pressure and retaining adequate reserves for fire emergencies,” said Marty Hanneman, Director of the Department of Utilities.

Suggested ways that customers can save water on Spare the Water Days:

- Water lawns and gardens before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. and water only on scheduled watering days (for a complete schedule see [www.SpareSacWater.org](http://www.SpareSacWater.org))
- Cut back irrigation watering 1-2 minutes per station can save up to 250 gallons of water per cycle
- Run major appliances with full loads before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. for optimum water and energy savings
- Consider washing cars on cooler days
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth, washing hands or scrubbing dishes.

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