

Proposed Changes to the City of Sacramento Water Conservation Ordinance

The City of Sacramento has a Water Conservation Ordinance that provides customers rules regarding outside irrigation. This portion of the code can be found in Article XI of Chapter 13.04 of the City Code.

The Department of Utilities is currently proposing changes to the ordinance. Council will hear these proposals on May 12, 2009.

Current Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
Water run-off prohibited	Water run-off prohibited
Odd-Even Watering Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Addresses ending in an ODD number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday o Addresses ending in an EVEN number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday o There is no watering on Mondays 	Odd-Even Watering Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Addresses ending in an ODD number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday o Addresses ending in an EVEN number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday o There is no watering on Mondays
No watering between Noon and 6 p.m. on your watering day	No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on your watering day
No washing of sidewalks, parking areas or driveways except for immediate fire or sanitation hazards	No washing of sidewalks, parking areas or driveways except for immediate fire or sanitation hazards
Sets limits for irrigation: Automatic Sprinklers- thirty (30) minutes Hose: 2.5 hours during each calendar day	No limits on amount of time during a watering day. Water run-off is prohibited.
	New landscaping may be watered every day for 21 days after installation to allow for plants to root
	Seasonal watering schedule limits watering to 1 day per week during wet season (after daylight savings time ends) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Addresses ending in an ODD number (1,3,5,7,9) may water on Saturday o Addresses ending in an EVEN number (0,2,4,6,8) may water on Sunday
	Hoses must have an auto-shut off nozzle
Violations: 1 st /2 nd Violation: Written notification to Property Owner and Tenant 3 rd Violation: Written notification and subject to penalty of 5 times water bill for each utility bill for the rest of watering season (Sept 15) 4 th Violation: Permanent raising of water rates to 5 times water bill	Violations: 1 st Violation: Written notification to Property Owner and Tenant 2 nd Violation: Written notification to Owner and Tenant and \$25 fine (can be waived with attending a Water Conservation Seminar) 3 rd Violation: Written notification to Owner and Tenant and \$100 fine 4 th Violation: Written notification to Owner and Tenant and \$500 fine

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