

Kushla Water District

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Emergency Water Conservation Plan

Phase 1- Conservation (Voluntary)

Kushla Water District customers are requested to voluntarily limit water use to only what is necessary for businesses, public safety and health.

These measures specifically include:

1. A voluntary landscape irrigation cut-back for a minimum one-week period.
2. Fund-raiser car washes are prohibited.

Phase 2- Water Alert (Mandatory Compliance)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Odd	Even	Odd	Even	Odd	Even	No
Addresses	Addresses	Addresses	Addresses	Addresses	Addresses	Watering
Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water	Permitted

Phase 3- Water Warning (Mandatory Compliance)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Odd	Even	Odd	Even	No	No	No
Addresses	Addresses	Addresses	Addresses	Watering	Watering	Watering
Water	Water	Water	Water	Permitted	Permitted	Permitted

Phase 4- Water Emergency (Mandatory Compliance)

Upon implementation by Kushla Water District and after public notification, the following restrictions will be enforced until further notice for all Kushla Water District customers.

These measures specifically include:

1. A mandatory landscape irrigation ban
2. A mandatory ban on washing private vehicles, sidewalks, streets, driveways, parking areas, patios, etc. and filling swimming pools.
3. Fire hydrants shall be used only by official fire and law enforcement officers for public safety.

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Purpose

The purpose of this Emergency Water Conservation Plan is as follows:

1. To provide contingency plans to manage drought and emergency conditions, and to continue to deliver a cost effective, adequate, safe and reliable supply of high quality water to our customers; and
2. To identify successful public information strategies which will motivate the community to reduce normal consumption to drought allowances
3. To identify critical points of change which would result in an acute or long term water outage and to establish preemptive response for each stage which would most effectively reduce water consumption to the available supply with the least adverse impact to the Kushla community.

Water Conservation Plan

The plan as outlined in this document consists of a menu of response measures to be enacted by Kushla Water District in response to shortages either acute or chronic.

A water shortage may exist in localized areas of Kushla and time the system demand is in excess of 85% or the available capacity and widespread water outages can occur whenever system demand is in excess of 100% of available capacity. Serious shortages could also be caused by system failures and power interruptions.

Water Conservation Response Options

1. **Public Education and information for Voluntary Reduction-** public information and education programs would be implemented at the earliest drought or emergency stage to make our customers aware of the problem. To respond to customer concerns and question, and to motivate the customer to take action to reduce water consumption. A major component of Kushla Water District's water conservation program focuses on public education. These programs, typically through bill inserts, website notices, and media announcements, are aimed to reaching the greatest amount of people in the largest water use category which are residential customers. During an emergency, these existing programs will become the core of an expanded program working with the public to reduce water consumption.
2. **Outdoor water use restrictions and bans-** residential outdoor water use is a significant portion of daily consumption. Water consumption increases dramatically in the summer months. In the early stage of a drought or emergency, outdoor water use restrictions would be mostly voluntary. However, starting with the second stage, some reduction in water consumption is mandatory.

3. Nonresidential water use planning- because the highest percentage of water consumption is due to residential customers, implementation of water use restrictions for industrial and commercial customers is usually insignificant until the final stage of the drought or emergency occurs.

Water Conservation Response

Specific conservation management responses are listed according to the conservation phase. The phases are dependent on the ability of Kushla Water District to foresee conditions which would affect water allotments or water availability. After declaration of the drought or water emergency stage by Kushla Water District, the Chief Water Operator is authorized to implement any or all of the following:

Phase 1- Conservation –Voluntary

Customers or persons who use Kushla Water District are requested to voluntarily limit the amount of water to the amount that is absolutely necessary for health, business, and outdoor use. These measures specifically include:

- A voluntary landscape irrigation ban for a minimum one-week period
- Fund-raiser car washes are prohibited

Phase 2- Water Alert -Mandatory Compliance

Beginning at a time deemed necessary by Kushla Water District and after public notification, the following restrictions shall apply to all customers or persons who use Kushla Water District.

- Irrigation utilizing individual sprinklers from hoses or buried sprinkler systems for the purpose of watering lawns , gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs, and other plants is prohibited, except on designated water-use days which shall be as follows:
- Odd-numbered street addresses will water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- Even numbered street addresses will water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- No irrigation shall be performed between the hours of 5:00 am – 9:00am and 5:00pm- 9:00 pm
- No watering will be allowed on Sunday
- This restriction shall not apply to any handheld garden hose or small handheld watering container which may be used on any day to water small areas that might need more frequent watering.

Phase 3- Water Warning -Mandatory Compliance

Upon implementation by Kushla Water District and after public notification, the following restrictions shall be imposed in place of Phase 2 restrictions (until further notice) to all Kushla Water District customers or person who use Kushla Water District:

- Irrigation utilizing individual sprinklers from hoses or buried sprinkler systems for the purpose of watering lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs, and other plants is prohibited, except on designated water-use days which shall be as follows:

- Users of water at street addresses containing odd numbers will water on Monday and Wednesday.
- Users of water at street addresses containing even numbers will water on Tuesday and Thursday.
- No irrigation shall be performed between the hours of 5:00am-9:00am and 5:00pm-9:00pm
- The intent of these actions is to allow each customer to water two times a week, either Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday. No watering may be done on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Washing private vehicles is prohibited, except on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. No private vehicles may be washed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Commercial car washers and service stations are exempt from this restriction.
- Swimming pools will be filled by users of water at street addresses containing odd numbers on Monday and Wednesday. Swimming pools will be filled by users of water at street addresses containing even numbers on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Washing of sidewalks, streets, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other paved areas is absolutely prohibited, except by the street department and fire department to alleviate health or fire hazard.
- Taking water from a fire hydrant is prohibited without written permission from Kushla Water District. The water system, street department, and fire department are exempt from this condition in order to properly maintain the water system and provide for public health and safety.

Phase 4 - Water Emergency- Mandatory Compliance

Upon implementation by Kushla Water District and after public notification, the following restrictions shall be imposed in place of Phase 2 or Phase 3 restrictions (until further notice) to all Kushla Water District customers or persons who use Kushla Water District. In Phase 4, no outside irrigation utilizing individual sprinklers from hoses or buried sprinkler systems for the purpose of watering lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs and other plants is permitted. Also prohibited are the following:

- The washing of private vehicles is prohibited except at commercial car washes or service stations.
- The use of water from fire hydrants for any reason, other than by the water department, street department, and fire department to maintain the water system and provide for public health and safety, is prohibited.
- The filling of swimming pools is prohibited during the water emergency

Violations

For violations of these Water Conservation Phases, water service may be disconnected or restricted

If a customer is irrigating during a time or on a day when irrigation is not permitted for the street address of the customer and a Kushla Water District worker cannot find any person at the street address

to turn off the irrigation system, the utility worker may enter the property and disconnect the irrigation system.

After 3 warnings and a disconnect notice a DISCONNECT ORDER shall be issued and implemented by the Chief Water Operator or his designee.

It is understood that situations may arise causing emergency conditions independent of Kushla Water District. This plan can be implemented as needed under those circumstances by the Chief Water Operator of Kushla Water District or his representatives.