

# Drought - Level 1 WATCH 10% reduction

Voluntary Restrictions - Stop washing paved surfaces, use hose nozzle, irrigate before 8am and after 6pm, repair all leaks within 5 days.

# Drought - Level 2 ALERT Up to 20% reduction

LEVEL 1 RESTRICTIONS BECOME MANDATORY WITH ENFORCEABLE FINES + NO NEW METERS OR ANNEXATIONS, irrigate no more than 3 days a week, repair all leaks within 72 hours.

# Drought - Level 3 CRITICAL Up to 40% reduction

Level 1 + Level 2 + WATER ALLOCATIONS, irrigate no more than 2 times per week, no filling ornamental lakes/ponds, stop washing vehicles at home, repair all leaks within 48 hours.

# Drought - Level 4 EMERGENCY Over 40% reduction

Level 1 + Level 2 + Level 3 + Stop all irrigation except crops and nurseries, repair all leaks within 24 hours.

# Drought - Level 1 WATCH

## Water Conservation Practices Level 1 - Voluntary Requirements

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only.**
4. **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.
5. **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 nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.
6. **Repair all water leaks within five (5) days** of notification by the Olivenhain Municipal Water District unless other arrangements are made with the General Manager.

**The above requirements are per the District's Drought Ordinance No. 364 as adopted on July 23, 2008**

### District's Drought Ordinance

- A Drought Response Level 1 condition is also referred to as a "Drought Watch" condition. A Level 1 condition applies when the San Diego Water Authority notifies its member agencies or the Olivenhain Municipal Water District's General Manager determines that due to drought or other supply reductions, there is a reasonable probability that there will be supply shortages and that a consumer demand reduction of up to 10 percent is required in order to ensure that sufficient supplies will be available to meet anticipated demands. The General Manager shall declare the existence of a Drought Response Level 1 and take action to implement the Level 1 conservation practices identified in this ordinance.
- During a Level 1 Drought Watch condition, Olivenhain Municipal Water District will increase its public education and outreach efforts to emphasize increased public awareness of the need to implement **the above water conservation practices**.

Visit [www.omwd.com](http://www.omwd.com) to view the entire ordinance.

# Drought - Level 1 WATCH

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why...

**...Why do I need to conserve water and/or why is the District in a Level 1 Drought?**

- Eight of the last 10 years have had below-average rainfall.
- Very low snowpack runoff.
- Court-ordered water pumping restrictions on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta pumps that lead to the State Water Project pipelines which provide the District with 40% of its water.
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Olivenhain's water supplier) has projected that there will be shortages in our water supply anywhere from 120,000 acre feet up to 600,000 acre feet for 2009. 120,000 acre feet is roughly the amount of water for 120,000 families of four for one year.
- Even if more rain is received and snowpack goes up next year it will not be enough to make up for the deficiencies in our water supply that already exist.

**...If we are short on water supplies why is the region still allowing development ?** Once the District declares Level 2 - Drought all new water meter requests and annexations will stop other than those for public health and safety, previously issued and unexpired building permits, or if the developer can offset all of the drinking water demands of the new service connection.

### How...

**...How can I save water?**

- See page one for a list of water conservation measures you can implement.
- Visit [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com) for tips and information. On the left hand side of the web paged click on the red section "PROGRAMS and Incentives" to find out how you can get rebates or grants for installing water saving devices or participating in water saving programs.

**...Will I be penalized in the future for my current conservation efforts?** The District is currently working on an allocation plan that will not penalize those who conserve now.

### What...

**...What happens if I don't comply with the water conservation practices?** During Level 1 conservation efforts are voluntary; however in Level 2 fines will be imposed on those who do not comply with these conservation practices. Those who conserve water now will benefit if the District is forced to move to Level 2 of the drought.

**...What happens in Level 2?** Voluntary Restrictions from Level 1 become mandatory with fines, NO NEW METERS OR ANNEXATIONS, irrigate no more than 3 days a week, repair all leaks within 72 hours.

### When...

**...When do I need to start conserving?** Certified agricultural customers are already cutting back by 30%. The District's Board of Directors adopted its drought ordinance declaring a Level 1 drought on July 23, 2008 so we are asking all customers to conserve now.

**...does the District anticipate moving to a Level 2 - Drought Alert?** It is hard to gauge when this will occur; however the District is anticipating that if conditions persist a Level 2 will be declared sometime in Spring 2009.