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Dear Friends,

For the past two years, California has faced severe drought conditions. In June, the Governor issued an executive order declaring a statewide drought and directing state agencies and cities to take immediate action to address California's impaired water supply.

In response, the Council and the Mayor approved the Department of Water & Power's (DWP) recommendations to expand and enforce the prohibited uses of water. These restrictions will further our City's stellar record of water conservation and help us secure sustainable sources of water for the future.

PROHIBITED WATER USES:

- Water lawns between 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., April 1 to September 30 and between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., October 1 to March 31
- Use a hose to clean hard surfaces such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways or parking areas (with the exception of water brooms)
- Have water in fountains, lakes, or decorations unless it is re-circulated
- Allow leaks to go unattended
- Wash a car without an auto shut off sprayer
- Irrigate while it is raining
- Water with sprinklers for more than 15 minutes at a time (drip systems exempt)
- Overwatering causes runoff on to the sidewalk, street, or gutter
- Use single-pass cooling systems (a cooling system that uses water without re-circulating it)

IN ADDITION:

- Commercial laundry and carwash systems must have re-circulated water
- Hotels must give guests the option to re-use their towels without washing them daily
- Restaurants cannot serve water to customers unless it is requested

There are penalties for not complying with these water-usage prohibitions.

PENALTIES:

- 1st offense: a formal warning
- 2nd offense: \$100 fine

- 3rd offense: \$200 fine
- 4th offense: \$300 fine
- 5th offense: Restricted or disconnection of water service

The DWP also suggests some WATER SAVING TIPS that I would like to share:

- Fix leaky faucets, plumbing joints and your sprinkler system. It saves 20 gallons a day for every leak stopped.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. It saves 150 gallons or more each time.
- Shorten your showers. Even a one- or two-minute reduction can save up to 375 gallons per month.
- Don't water the sidewalks, driveway, or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs – and only there. It can save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. It saves up to 200 gallons a month.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. It saves 300 to 800 gallons a month.
- Use only as much water on your lawn as you need. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Use the watering calculator and watering index found at www.bewaterwise.com to learn just how much you should water. It saves 750 to 1,500 gallons a month.
- Replace your old washing machine with a new, high-efficiency model. It saves 20 to 30 gallons per load. Learn more about how you can receive a \$250 rebate from LADWP at www.ladwp.com.
- Install a new "smart" sprinkler controller that figures out the right amount of water for your landscape. These controllers can save 40 gallons a day.

I hope you will join us in these important water saving techniques during this time of extreme water shortage. The City also offers many rebates and incentives to help residents and business conserve water. For more information, please visit www.ladwp.com.

Thank you,



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