

What is this About?

Commercial indoor water use is addressed in San Juan Capistrano's water conservation ordinance. This brochure contains a summary of some of the elements affecting commercial customers. Please see the "Landscape Elements" brochure for outdoor guidelines.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish standards for year-round water conservation, to promote the efficient use of water, and to reduce or eliminate the waste of water in the City.

The ordinance also updates the four-stage contingency measures which can be put in place upon declaration of water shortages.

In revising the ordinance, the City has taken the opportunity to strongly link water conservation with urban runoff prevention. Outdoor water use is a primary source of urban runoff, which flows onto the streets, and then through storm drains to the creeks and beaches.

California's water supply is increasingly constrained by drought and by regulatory agencies. The prevention of water waste is an economically and environmentally feasible way to protect and conserve the City's water supplies.

You are in control of your water use! Please use water wisely – be aware of water-using activities in your business, and don't let water leave your property.

Violations may be subject to administrative citations and fines.

For More Information:

<http://www.mwdsaveabuck.com/>

Commercial & Multi-family rebates

www.bewaterwise.com

Landscape & irrigation information

Single-family residential rebates

<http://www.h2ouse.org>

Wise water use indoors & out

<http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org>

Cutting-edge efficiency: appliance & hardware lists

Important Contact numbers:

Runoff hotline (949) 234-4575

Code enforcement (949) 443-6344

Water Customer Service (949) 493-1515

24 hr water emergency (949) 493-1515

For more information including speaking to your group, club, or HOA:

Francie Kennedy

Water Conservation Coordinator

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The Ordinance takes effect October 2008. Violations may be subject to administrative citations and fines.

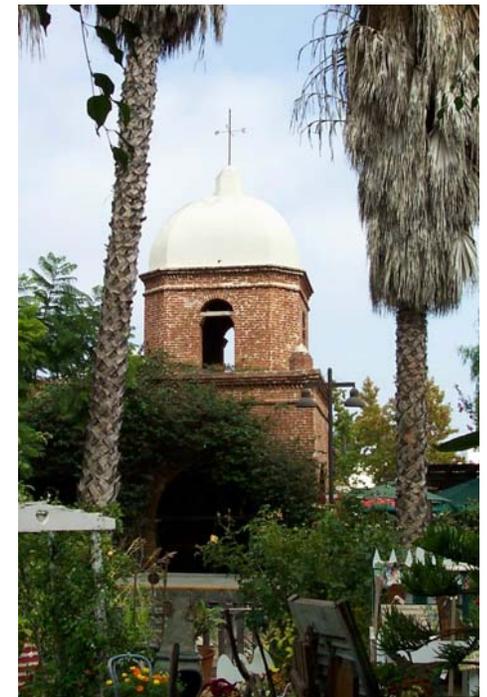
This brochure is a summary of some of the commercial elements in the ordinance. Please read the full text of the ordinance, found on the City's Web site: www.sanjuancapistrano.org on the Utilities Department page, or simply by typing "water conservation" in the search box on the home page.

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Thank you for being Water Wise!

Year-round Commercial Water Use Efficiency Elements

Public and Visitor-Serving Facilities. Display placards or decals approved by the City, promoting public awareness of the need for water conservation.

Hotels and motels. Provide guests the option to reuse towels and linens. (*Cards and door-hangers are available from the City.*)

Food Service Facilities.

- Drinking Water. Food service facilities in the City shall only serve water to customers or patrons upon request. (*Table tent cards are available from the City.*)
- Dishwashing and Garbage Disposals. Scrape food waste into a garbage can rather than using a garbage disposal. Garbage disposals are prohibited in all new food facilities. All existing pre-rinse spray nozzles shall be retrofitted to models using 1.6 gallons per minute or less, by July 1, 2010. (*Rebates may be available.*)
- Other Water Using Activities.
 - Defrosting food with running water is to be avoided and discouraged.
 - If using a hose for washdown of kitchens, garbage areas, or any other area required by the health department or for sanitation reasons, it shall have a positive shut off nozzle.
 - Scoop sinks shall be set at minimum flow at all times, and during hours of operation carefully monitored to avoid using water unnecessarily when the scoop sink is not in active use.
- New or Remodeled Kitchens. All other water-using equipment in new or remodeled kitchens shall use the best available water conserving technology.

Repair of plumbing, sprinklers and irrigation system. Within 24 hours, initiate steps to promptly repair leaks; complete repairs within a reasonable time.

Cleaning paved surfaces and structures. Use a broom.

Laundromats and common area laundry rooms shall install high efficiency clothes washing machines, as older machines are replaced. (*Rebates may be available.*)

Landscape watering. Please refer to the "Landscape Elements" brochure for details of guidelines and restrictions.

Shortage stages below may be declared to respond to local or regional water shortage conditions and emergencies. Each elevated stage will include the elements of the previous stage. Taking strong action at Stage 1 may help prevent further reductions.

Stage 1 - Water Watch

Restaurants, Hotels, Motels. All non-essential water use shall cease.

Commercial and Industrial Use. All non-essential water use shall cease.

No washing down of buildings, sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, patios or other paved areas.

Repair all water leaks immediately.

Pools, spas, water features. Filling or emptying and refilling of these is discouraged during Stage 1.

Stage 2 - Water Alert

Percentage reduction. A percentage reduction of use may be required of all customers. Allocations for commercial accounts may be set at the lowest consumption for a billing period in the last five years.

Landscape irrigation is further reduced or prohibited.

Runoff to street. Fines increase for water running into a drain, gutter or street.

Pools, spas, water features. Filling is prohibited. Fountains and waterfalls must be turned off.

Cleaning of paved surfaces and structures is prohibited if using water from a hose.

Stage 3 - Water Warning

Water budget billing allocations may be further reduced.

Landscape irrigation is further reduced or prohibited.

Air Conditioning. No water shall be used for air conditioning purposes.

Stage 4 - Water Emergency

All outdoor irrigation, and filling or refilling of pools, spas and other water features is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial Use. The use of water for commercial, manufacturing or processing purposes shall be reduced in volume by 50%.