



Managing San Juan Capistrano's Water Through The Drought

DO YOU KNOW WHAT WASTES THE MOST WATER?

Over watering your lawn
750 - 1,500 GALLONS
A Month

Running the hose while
washing your car
150 GALLONS
A Wash

Using toilet as a waste basket
400 - 600 GALLONS
A Month

High-flow showerheads
500 - 800 GALLONS
A Month

Partial loads in the washing
machine and dishwasher
(without lowering the level)
300 - 800 GALLONS
A Month

Sprinklers watering driveways
500 GALLONS
A Month

Hosing driveways & sidewalks
150 GALLONS
Each Time

Letting tap water warm up
without capturing it
200 - 300 GALLONS
A Month

Long showers
700 GALLONS
A Month

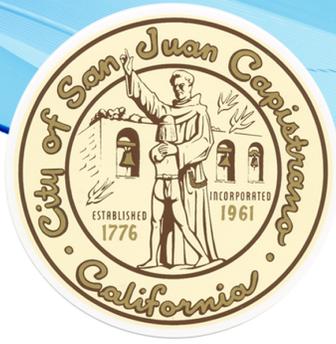
THE PROBLEM?

California is facing the 4th year of a historic drought. Governor Jerry Brown ordered a 25% reduction in statewide water use. The State Water Resources Control Board mandated the City to reduce its total potable water use by 28% as compared to our water use in 2013.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

In response to the drought, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance #1024 which restricts watering to 2 days per week on a defined schedule and establishes Monthly Drought Limits. Your Monthly Drought Limit is the amount of water you are allowed to use each billing cycle to avoid penalties. Each customer's Drought Limit is unique. A customer's monthly drought limit is determined from the customer's budget allocation for the same month in 2013, less 28 percent.

Water use above your Drought Limit is a violation. However, customers are provided a cumulative three (3) month period before penalties are incurred. This allows you to track and gauge your conservation. It also provides savings from one month to the next. If your potable water use for three (3) established, consecutive billing cycles exceeds your monthly drought limit during the three (3) month cumulative period, you will incur a penalty. A Stage 2 Water Alert penalty is \$2.71 for each billing unit, (one billing unit equals 748 gallons), of water used in excess of your three months cumulative Monthly Drought Limit.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY WITHIN YOUR DROUGHT LIMIT?

DO



- Cease all non-essential water use



- Replace your lawn with drought tolerant landscaping



- Check for and fix leaks, breaks or malfunctions



- Install high-efficiency showerheads and toilets

DON'T



- Wash down hard or paved surfaces



- Wash your car at home, instead use a commercial car wash



- Request water at restaurants if you are not going to drink it



- Let water runoff to the street -- including water from any hose, pipe, valve, faucet, irrigation device, etc.

AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

During this historic drought, take advantage of exceptional rebate and incentive programs.

For lawn-removal incentives, home surveys and a variety of regional rebates, visit www.ocwatersmart.com.

For information on California-friendly and drought tolerant plants, visit www.bewaterwise.com.

San Juan Capistrano offers a \$200 toilet replacement incentive for commercial and residential toilets older than 1993. Call 949-234-4400 for an appointment.

Do you have questions or want to report water waste? Please email sjconserve@sanjuancapistrano.org or call 949-234-4400. For more information, please visit www.sanjuancapistrano.org/drought.

