



LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT

The Standard in Water Conservation &
Environmental Stewardship

PRESS ALERT

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OFFICIAL CITYWIDE WATER CONSERVATION ALERT

LONG BEACH, CA – A Declaration for Immediate, Extraordinary Water Conservation has been made by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners, at a special meeting held today at the Brennen S. Thomas Water Administration Building. Residents and businesses, citywide, are strongly urged to immediately begin implementing [three](#) water conservation measures:

1. Eliminate landscape over-watering and all water runoff
2. Reduce time in the shower and install low-flow shower heads
3. Check your water meter for potential leaks in your home or business

WATER USE PROHIBITIONS IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

The Declaration is a precautionary measure taken to forestall or lessen the impact of a potential water supply shortage. The Declaration is necessitated by the following:

1. This year's record low rainfall in the southern California coastal plain;
2. A continuation of the historic 8-year drought in the Colorado River Watershed, which is a significant source of imported water for southern California;
3. A continuation of historic low strategic water reserves in the Colorado River Watershed;
4. A mere seventy-percent of normal precipitation in that part of the Sierra Nevada watershed accessed by southern California for a portion of its imported water supply;
5. A significant drawing down of in-State strategic water reserves; and
6. An interruption in the supply of water from the San Francisco Bay/ Sacramento Delta area to mitigate environmental concerns

“The time to act is now,” stated [Frank Clarke, President of the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners](#). We are calling on every one of our customers to immediately give irrigation systems a thorough check-up. Every day, thousands and thousands of gallons of precious drinking water runs off the yards of our homes and businesses, and into the storm drains. Saving water now means we at your Water Department can store this water for next year, in case next winter is again dry.”

Under the Declaration, the Long Beach Water Department will significantly elevate its public communication in this area, until further action is taken by the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners. If, subsequent to this Declaration of the need for immediate extraordinary water conservation, the water supply situation warrants elevated attention, the Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners may declare more serious Stages of its [Emergency Water Supply Shortage Plan](#), triggering increased mandatory prohibitions on potable water use in the City of Long Beach.

The Long Beach Water Department is an urban, southern California water supply agency and the standard in water conservation and environmental stewardship.

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