North Marin Water District

Water Use Prohibitions for 2021 (Novato Service Area)

All current water-waste prohibitions in effect are summarized below:

- The washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots and other hard surfaced areas by direct hosing when runoff water directly flows to a gutter or storm drain.
- The escape of water through breaks or leaks within the customers’ plumbing or private distribution system for any substantial period of time within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected within 72 hours.
- Irrigation in a manner or to an extent which allows excessive run-off of water or unreasonable over-spray of the areas being watered.
- Washing cars, boats, trailers or other vehicles and machinery directly with a hose not equipped with a shutoff nozzle.
- Water for non-recycling decorative water fountains.
- Potable water for outdoor landscaping during or within 48 hours of measurable rainfall or water on ornamental turf in public street medians.
- Drinking water other than on request in eating or dining establishments.
- Water for the daily laundering of towels and linens in hotels and motels without offering guests the option of choosing not to have daily laundering.

Non-Essential Water Use Prohibitions Effective July 1, 2021:

- Overhead sprinkler irrigation is prohibited unless the customer can maintain a 20% reduction from 2020 water use, irrigate between 7:00pm and 9:00am, and water only three days per week assigned by Monday, Wednesday and Friday for odd and Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday for even addresses. Drip irrigation, container and hand watering is exempt. Customers using less than 300 gallons per day are exempt from the 20% reduction but must adhere to the 3 days per week assignment.
- Any use of potable water from a fire hydrant except for fighting fire, human consumption, essential construction needs or use in connection with animals.
- Refilling a completely drained swimming pool and/or initial filling of any swimming pool for which application for a building permit was made after July 1, 2021.
- Non-commercial washing of privately-owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut off nozzle may be used for a quick rinse.
- Use of potable water for dust control at construction sites or other locations.
- Watering any portion of a golf course with potable or raw water except the tees and greens unless the customer can maintain a 25% reduction in water use as compared to 2020.

Reporting/Questions/Comments

For all customer questions and comments regarding the 2021 drought water use prohibitions or to report a violation, please contact the District's Water Conservation Hotline at (415) 761-8944 or email at waterconserve@nmwd.com.