

**State Water Resources Control
Board Action:**

On January 4, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an emergency water regulation that prohibits wasteful water use practices statewide and encourages Californians to closely monitor their water use. This regulation went into effect on 14 January 2022. Recognizing that there is no guarantee that winter precipitation will alleviate the current and ongoing drought conditions, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) took this action to preserve critical water supplies and mitigate the effects of drought, thereby ensuring the protection of health, safety, and the environment.

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(A) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes more than incidental runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;

(B) The use of a hose that dispenses water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;

(C) The use of potable water for washing sidewalks, driveways, buildings, structures, patios, parking lots, or other hard surfaced areas, except in cases where health and safety are at risk;

(D) The use of potable water for street cleaning or construction site preparation purposes, unless no other method can be used or as needed to protect the health and safety of the public;

(E) The use of potable water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping-off of decorative lakes or ponds, with exceptions for those decorative fountains, lakes, or ponds that use pumps to recirculate water and only require refilling to replace evaporative losses;

(F) The application of water to irrigate turf and ornamental landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall of at least one fourth of one inch of rain.

(G) The use of potable water for irrigation of ornamental turf on public street medians.

We encourage GMCS D customers to ask questions or seek advice on how to improve your water conservation efforts or to address health and safety issues that may stem from these regulations.

As with any state action, the regulation, proclamation, and resolution comprise a lengthy body of documentation. The full text of these documents can be found at the following links:

- Conservation Emergency Regulation program page:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/emergency_regulation.html
- Frequently Asked Questions (1/6/2022):
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/docs/20220106-faq-emergency-regulations-january-2022.pdf

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