

Water Spouts

SACRAMENTO COUNTY WATER AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Making Water Conservation *a Way of Life*

In May, California Governor Jerry Brown signed two new bills into law that created regulations requiring urban water providers to establish water use objectives for their service areas. Water use objectives will be based on the sum of these four factors: indoor residential use, outdoor residential use, commercial, industrial and institutional (CII) use, and water losses or leakage within the treated water delivery infrastructure of a water provider.

Here's a breakdown of these factors.

- ◆ **Indoor Residential Standard** — will initially be allocated 55 gallons per capita (person) per day (gpcd). This standard will decrease to 52.5 gpcd in 2025, and then to 50 gpcd in 2030.
- ◆ **Outdoor Residential Standard** — will be adopted by the State in 2022 and will take into consideration the amount of irrigable land and climate conditions within each agency's service area(s).
- ◆ **CII Standard** — will be developed and adopted by the State by 2022.
- ◆ **Water Loss** — rules requiring water providers to meet volume-based performance standards will be adopted by the State in 2019 or 2020.

State enforcement of these water use objectives begins in 2023.

The Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) is responsible for complying with these regulations as your water purveyor, and asks that our customers continue to use water efficiently in accordance with SCWA's Water Agency Code.



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SCWA Rebates

SCWA has several rebates to help our customers use water efficiently. Visit our website (www.scwa.net) for current rebate programs.

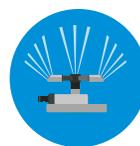
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Visit the SCWA website at www.scwa.net

to stay up to date with water resources news

and the most current watering schedule. The website provides techniques so you can improve indoor and outdoor water use efficiency, and offers information on how to apply for rebate opportunities. Check out our website and learn more about saving money and water through tips and incentives.

With more than twenty-five different water purveyors in Sacramento County, you may receive mixed messages as to when you can water your lawn and plants. Here is the current watering schedule for SCWA customers:



Addresses Ending in:	Sprinkler (Lawn)	Drip (Trees, Shrubs)	Permitted Irrigation Time of Day
Even Number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8)	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	All irrigation times are before 6 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
Odd Number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9)	Tuesday, Saturday, Thursday	Tuesday, Saturday, Thursday	

Water Meter Tips

Your Water Meter

Understanding your water meter can help you save water. Knowing where to find your meter, being able to read it, and deciding if there is a leak can save you money.

Low Flow Indicator



Checking for leaks

Water leaks are indicated by water passing through your meter when all water fixtures and water-using appliances have been turned off.

By viewing your meter's register you can often tell if you have a leak. Dial registers usually have a low flow indicator that spins when even small flows are present through your meter, as shown below.

If either of the above types of low

flow indicators rotates with everything shut off, you likely have a leak somewhere.

If your register is digital, leaks are indicated by the digits on the far right side of the readout continuing to count with everything shut off.

If you have a leak, it should be investigated further. Common sources of leaks include plumbing fixtures such as toilets and faucets. You may wish to hire a professional or schedule a Water Wise House Call (see below) to help locate any "mystery leaks." Water leaks beyond the water meter are the responsibility of the owner to make repairs as soon as possible.

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How to locate your water meter

In doing your part to save water, you may wonder how much you actually use. You can find out by checking your water meter. Water meters are usually located in your front yard, near the curb or sidewalk. You'll find it inside a rectangular box in the ground near your property line. It's your responsibility to maintain full access by keeping your water meter box clear of landscaping and other obstructions. This will help with reading, maintenance, and repair work conducted by the Water Agency's crews.

You can read your meter to calculate your water use or check for potential leaks by following the instructions listed below:



Low Flow Indicator (triangle)

How to read your water meter

Water meters are precision instruments built to accurately measure both large and small amounts of water for many years. Although yours may look a little different, the picture below depicts a dial register which is typical for most residential water meters.

SCWA's new dial registers are read in cubic feet (CF) but are billed in increments of 100 CF units. Some of our older dial registers, however, are read and in 100 CF units. Always read your meter from left to right for CF.

1. To calculate gallons used, multiply the number of CF by 7.48. This will tell you how many gallons you've consumed: 1 CF = 7.48 gallons = 62.4 Pounds of water. Older meters made to read in 100 CF units must be multiplied by 748 to calculate the gallons used.
2. Record the number and check your meter again in 30 days. Subtract the first reading from the second to determine your water consumption for the past month.
3. The picture at the right depicts our newest digital registers for 1-inch to 1.5 inch meters. These digital registers read in CF but billed in 100 CF.

Observe far right digit to identify leaks

