



Number:	P500-15-1	Type of Policy:	Water Use Efficiency
Title:	Water Waste		
Description:	Establishes regulations for efficient water use and minimize water waste		
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The Scotts Valley Water District prohibits the following uses of water:

General Prohibitions

1. Indiscriminate running of water or washing with water which is wasteful and without reasonable purpose.
2. Escape of water through leaks, breaks, or malfunctions within the water user's plumbing, irrigation or distribution system for any length of time, within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected.
3. Watering during a publicly declared drought in a manner that is not compliant with restrictions.

Landscaping, Irrigation & Water Feature Prohibitions

4. Watering of any plant material or landscape in a manner or to an extent which allows excess water to run off from the area being watered.
5. Use of potable water by spray heads to irrigate any plant material or landscape between the hours of 10 am and 5 pm.
6. Irrigation during rainfall.
7. Ornamental water features (such as waterfalls, fountains, and ponds) that do not re-circulate water and do not have an impermeable liner.
8. Irrigation with potable water of ornamental landscaping on public street medians.
9. Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission.

Exterior Washing and Dust Control Prohibitions

10. Washing or rinsing of any hard or paved surfaces except when necessary for safety or sanitary reasons and when a broom or other waterless device will not suffice. If necessary for the above reasons, washing may only be done with a small container for detergent, and a) a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, b) a pressure washer, c) a low-volume, high-pressure water efficient water broom, or d) a cleaning machine equipped to recycle the water used.
11. Washing of any vehicle (e.g. cars, boats, RVs), mobiles homes or other building exteriors, may only be done with a minimum of detergent, and a) a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, b) a pressure washer, c) a low-volume high-pressure water-efficient water broom, or d) a cleaning machine equipped to recycle the water used. Soapy water may not enter curb gutters or storm drains.
12. Use of potable water for dust control or soil compaction purposes during construction activities where there is a reasonably available source of recycled water appropriate for such use.
13. Use of water from any fire hydrant unless specifically authorized by permit from the District or by regularly constituted fire protection agencies for fire suppression purposes.

Food Establishment and Commercial Lodging Establishment Requirements

14. Bars, cafeterias and restaurants serve tap water only upon request.
15. Hotels and other commercial lodging establishment provide guests with an option to reuse towels and linens and display signage on how to opt out of linen service.

Enforcement

Any customer who fails to comply with the prohibited water uses and mandated activities may be subject to enforcement as described below:

1. **Initial Notification:** Verbal or written explanation of the violation will be communicated to the customer, along with required remediation, and the requirement to respond by the next business day.
2. **Second Notification:** If no response has been received by the next business day, the District shall issue a Second Notification in writing.
3. **Final Notification:** If a) no response to the Second Notification has been received, b) satisfactory arrangements have not been made for correction or c) timely verification of correction has not occurred, the customer's potable water service may be disconnected and/or a fine of \$100 (or other amount set by State regulations) may be charged for each calendar day in which the violation occurs. All fines must be paid prior to re-connection of service.