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## **CHINO HILLS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW WATER CONSERVATION URGENCY ORDINANCE AND ALLOWS WATERING THREE-DAYS PER WEEK**

Chino Hills, CA – Last night the Chino Hills City Council took action on an Urgency Water Conservation Ordinance and declared a Stage II Moderate Conservation Alert that went into effect immediately and now permits the community to use water for outdoor irrigation three (3) times per week. The action by the City Council keeps the City of Chino Hills in compliance with the Governor’s May 9, 2016 Executive Order and the May 18, 2016 State Water Resources Control Board’s (SWRCB) adopted extended emergency regulations. This action comes after City Water Staff completed its analysis that assuming that over the next 3 years drought conditions persist, the city of Chino Hills water supply slightly exceeds its demand by one (1) percent.

The Stage II Moderate Conservation Alert that went into effect immediately with last night’s Council action limits outdoor irrigation to **3 days per week**. Residential addresses ending in an **even** number may use water: Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays (except 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). Residential addresses ending in an **odd** number may use water: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays (except 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). Non-residential addresses may use water: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (except 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). All irrigation shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes per watering-station, except for drip or micro-spray irrigation systems which shall not exceed 30 minutes per station.

The Stage II Moderate Conservation Alert also imposes the following restrictions:

- Prohibits outdoor watering of landscaping between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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- Prohibits application of water to hard surfaces such as sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas etc. or irrigation causing runoff, etc.
- Requires the repair of leaks within 48 hours
- Prohibits use of water hose ***without*** a shutoff valve
- Prohibits irrigating outdoor landscape after measureable rain (1/10" or more within a 48 hour period)
- Limits pool-filling to the above specified irrigation days
- Decorative water fountains at commercial properties may only be operated if the water is part of a re-circulating system.
- Vehicles, trailers, boats, and livestock can be washed with a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- Restaurants may not serve water unless the customer requests water.
- Water may not run off or leak from landscaped areas to streets, sidewalks, or other paved areas due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or over watering.
- Fire hydrants may only be used for firefighting. \*

\*An exception may be made for construction use through a City-designated meter when recycled water is not available.

Please note businesses may resume the use of outdoor misting devices during the summer heat.

The Stage II Water Alert does not apply to areas where recycled water, flowing through purple pipes, is used. View the Water Conservation Ordinance on the City website at: [www.chinohills.org/waterconservationordinance](http://www.chinohills.org/waterconservationordinance).

The new ordinance reinforces the need to continue to conserve water with the current drought conditions. The City will continue to encourage the replacement of turf with drought tolerant vegetation; improve the water system to limit failures; increase the use of recycled water; and enforce water restrictions.

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