



CITY OF CORONADO

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS/BUSINESS OWNERS: To prevent storm drain runoff in light of California's current drought condition, the City of Coronado is asking residents to cut down on water waste by more tightly controlling outdoor watering and avoiding excess water use. Coronado and its water supplier, California American Water, are required by the State Water Resources Control Board to ensure irrigation systems do not produce excessive runoff. California American Water continues to implement voluntary 20 percent water reduction measures and was ordered in August to assist in assuring compliance with the State's prohibited uses of outdoor water.

California is facing one of the most severe droughts on record. Last year, California Gov. Jerry Brown declared a State of Emergency, directing state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. The final Department of Water Resources snow survey of the year, released in May, revealed the statewide snowpack's water content is 82 percent below normal. Snowpack is what provides about one-third of the water used by California cities and farms.



Coronado is here to help. Call Public Services at (619) 522-7380 to talk to someone about ways you can reduce water use and eliminate excessive runoff. The City can provide technical assistance over the phone or send someone out for a quick assessment of your needs.

Excessive runoff from outdoor watering is described as creating flow. Slight overspray will most often evaporate once it lands on hardscape, such as sidewalks and driveways. If the overspray is abundant, the excess runoff will flow down the gutter, picking up fertilizers, grease and heavy metals. In addition to wasting water, excessive runoff transports these pollutants into the City's storm systems, oceans and bays. This can be prevented by following these simple rules:

- Only water in the evening or early morning for best absorption rates;
- Irrigate lawns no more than necessary, such as two or three times per week;
- Time your irrigation system to find out how quickly runoff is produced and reduce irrigation duration to that amount of time, which may be as little as 5 minutes; and
- Check and maintain irrigation systems regularly to ensure spray is properly covering the ground and not the hardscape.

Cutting back now will help California in the future. In addition to the water utility's voluntary restrictions and the City's prohibition against excessive runoff, the State Water Resources Control Board also prohibits customers from using potable water to wash down driveways and sidewalks, to wash a car or water a lawn using a hose not fitted with a shut-off nozzle, or in fountains or other water features that do not recirculate. The City is doing its part in reducing water use and waste by reducing watering times of public green spaces; planting drought tolerant landscaping, when possible; and replacing older irrigation systems, such as at the Golf Course, with a more efficient system that will save up to 10 percent per year in water use.