

*Meiners Oaks Water District*  
**STAGE 3 DROUGHT DECLARED**  
*Mandatory and Voluntary Water Use Restrictions*

Meiners Oaks Water District and its backup water supplier, Casitas MWD, have declared a Stage 3 drought condition. You must reduce your water use by 30% or more, compared to pre-drought usage. Water use restrictions are in effect, and will become more severe if the drought continues.

**Voluntary Measures**

- ◆ Please stop watering your lawn, unless you operate a day-care center or similar care facility. Lawns can be reseeded when the drought is over.
- ◆ Please stop watering non-profitable or marginal orchards.
- ◆ Please postpone planting flowers or a garden until the drought has ended.
- ◆ Cover your pool to reduce evaporation losses.
- ◆ Install low-flow showerheads, toilets, etc. if you haven't already done so.

**Mandatory Water Use Restrictions**

State law requires/allows us to issue fines for wasting water.

- ⊗ No outdoor irrigation between 10 AM and 6 PM.
- ⊗ Do not irrigate any zone more than once per week.
- ⊗ Do not irrigate in a manner to cause excessive runoff onto sidewalks, driveways, roads, etc.
- ⊗ No washing of concrete sidewalks, patios, driveways, roads, etc.
- ⊗ Use a shutoff nozzle on the end of a hose when washing a car or watering plants.
- ⊗ No fountains or outdoor water features that are not recirculating.
- ⊗ Do not use potable water for dust control or compaction.
- ⊗ No landscaping changes unless xeriscape (drought tolerant landscaping).
- ⊗ Restaurants shall serve glasses of water only upon request.

**Recommended Irrigation Practices During the Drought**

- ◆ Hand watering is allowed using a hose with a shutoff nozzle or a watering can.
- ◆ Deep soaking of plants should be done with a hose shut-off timer.
- ◆ Trees and large shrubs should be deeply irrigated no more than once or twice a month. You may use a drip hose placed in a circle within the drip-line of the tree, not too close to the trunk. Micro sprinklers may also be used.
- ◆ Irrigation of orchards with micro-sprinklers is OK.
- ◆ Place mulch under trees and shrubs to reduce irrigation water needs.
- ◆ This would be a good time to prune/trim your trees and shrubs, to reduce their water needs.

Exceptions to these rules can be made when necessary to protect health and safety.

For more information, please see our *Drought Contingency Plan* on [meinersoakswater.org](http://meinersoakswater.org) or call us at (805) 646-2114.