

Fines for improper use of water

MOWD will impose fines for water uses that are prohibited by State regulations. In particular, the following activities are specifically prohibited by State regulations, and/or by this Drought Plan:

- 1) The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structure
- 2) The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
- 3) The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks.
- 4) The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a circulating system.
- 5) Outdoor irrigation of ornamental landscapes with potable water more than two times per week.
- 6) Irrigation of turf for periods exceeding 15 minutes at a time, twice a week.
- 7) Large-scale spray or oscillating irrigation during the heat of the day.
- 8) Large-scale irrigation that results in water flowing into ditches or channels, water ponding, or excessive runoff.
- 9) Use of potable water for dust control.

MOWD will issue fines for serial violations of these regulations as follows:

	Stage 1	Stages 2 and 3	Stages 4 and 5
First violation	No fine	Warning	Warning
Second violation	No fine	\$100	\$150
Third violation	No fine	\$100	\$250
Fourth violation	No fine	\$200	\$350
Fifth violation	No fine	\$300	\$450
> 5 violations	No fine	\$500	\$550

The number of violations will be counted in each calendar year, starting over again each January. Stages 1-5 will be as declared by MOWD. Written warnings, in the form of our “friendly reminders” will be given to customers observed by MOWD staff to be in violation of the above regulations. Fines will be added to a customer’s water bill.

These regulations will be enforced in a reasonable and balanced way. For example, otherwise prohibited water uses may be allowed if required to protect public health and safety.