

COBB AREA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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Dear Valued Customer,

Based on our annual rainfall for the 2020-21 season we are currently still in a drought and are implementing our level 2 drought water conservation program with a mandatory 25% reduction in usage as the GOAL.

Which means during a level 2 drought response condition, all persons using Cobb Area County Water District water shall comply with level 1 drought response water conservation practices during a level 2 drought alert, and shall also comply with the following additional mandatory conservation measures:

- a. Limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three (3) assigned days per week Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. During the months of November through May, landscape irrigation is limited to no more than once a week.
- b. Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than ten (10) minutes per watering station per day.
- c. Water landscaped areas, including trees, shrubs, and plants not connected to irrigation stations by using a bucket, handheld hose with positive shut-off nozzle, or low-volume non-spray irrigation.
- d. Repair all leaks within seventy-two (72) hours of notification by the Cobb Area County Water District. Unless other arrangements have been set by the General Manager.
- e. Stop operation of ornamental fountains or similar decorative water features unless recycled water is being used.

To help further aid our customer base through this drought and be successful in reaching our goal of 25% reduction in water usage. The District will have available the following tools and tips:

TOOLS

- 1) Save-a-Drop hose water meter: To give a better idea of exactly how many gallons are going on the ground. This item will be available to check out at the District office and returned after use.
- 2) Moisture light meter: This device is used to check the moisture content in soil to help better conserve by only watering when necessary. This item will be available to check out at the District office and returned after use.
- 3) Toilet tank banks: This is a small water filled bladder designed to go in the toilet fill tank and displaces water with each flush. Every time the toilet tank fills up for the next flush, the water filled bladder takes up space, so less water is needed. This same effect can be achieved with placing a brick in the toilet tank. This item will be available at the District office and is yours to keep free of charge.
- 4) Low-flow shower heads: With a standard shower head producing 2.5 gallons per minute (GPM) a "quick" 10-minute shower can use 25 gallons and a 20-minute shower doubles that to 50 gallons. Installation of a low-flow shower head can reduce your usage by 10 to 20 gallons per shower. This could result in conserving over 1,200 gallons a billing cycle. This item will be available at the District office and is yours to keep free of charge.
- 5) Shower head shut off valve: This valve can be installed at the shower head to shut water off intermittently during the duration of your shower.
- 6) Hourglass timers: These are a great tool to keep track of water use while showering as well as in the kitchen to better keep track of how long faucets are being run. This item will be available at the District office and is yours to keep free of charge.

TIPS

- 1) Collect grey water from your washing machine drain or when washing hands or dishes in sinks to water outdoor plants with. All grey water systems must be stand alone system with no cross connections to potable water system.
- 2) When running your kitchen sink to receive hot water. You may place a small bucket or watering can in the sink to catch the cold water instead of allowing it to go down the drain. This can be used to water plants and vegetation.
- 3) Check your toilets, faucets, exterior hose bibs, and hose connections for leaks and drips. Even the smallest drip can waste 50 or more gallons a day.
- 4) Take shorter showers. Every minute save gallons. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off.
- 5) Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Before brushing you can wet your brush and fill a glass of water for rinsing.
- 6) Turn off water while shaving. Fill the bottom of the sink with a small amount of warm water in which to rinse your razor.

To obtain any of these water saving tools or to receive a copy of the Districts drought ordinance in its entirety please contact our office by stopping in at 16320 High Rd. or by phone at (707) 928-5262.

The Cobb Area County Water District would like to thank you for your cooperation and support in achieving our water conservation goals in these trying times.



Josh Dixon, President