

City Beat

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WATER CONSERVATION... *more important than ever*

The City of Modesto thanks its water customers for doing their part to help combat the current drought conditions. Water flow reports indicate that our water demand is at an all-time low. Modesto is not experiencing a critical water shortage like much of the State; however, it is still vitally important to conserve water year round as it is a precious resource.

In March of 2003, the Modesto City Council adopted **Stage One Water Restrictions** of the City's **Drought Contingency Plan**. This plan was developed to address water capacity issues, including implementing measures to reduce water consumption through the water restrictions and the year-round watering schedule. Stage One Water Restrictions include:

- Outdoor water use is prohibited on Mondays.
- Outdoor water use is prohibited daily between the hours of noon and 7 p.m.
- **Addresses ending in odd-numbers are only allowed to water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.**
- **Addresses ending in even-numbers are only allowed to water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**
- Car washing is subject to the above-cited limitations with the use of a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Hosing of concrete areas, building exteriors, etc. may only be done with a City-issued permit and a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Water leaks, once identified, must be repaired within 24 hours.
- Restaurants are encouraged to serve water only upon request.
- New landscaping (residential and commercial) must comply with existing landscape ordinances.
- All new single-family residences must have a water meter installed.

Water conservation is more important than ever to maintain our quality of life in the valley. **Using only the proper amount of water and avoiding peak usage times has many benefits for the community** such as:

- Preventing the waste of a precious resource that we all depend upon daily.
- Improving the pressure in the distribution system so customers and the fire department have enough water when they need it.
- Saving money by reducing the electricity needed to pump the water to your home or business.
- Reducing unnecessary wear on equipment, which reduces maintenance costs.

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 16-22

Public Works Week is a celebration of the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services in cities across the nation collectively known as public works.

Please contact (209) 341-2931 for more details.

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www.modestogov.com/pwd
click on Utilities, then click on the Water Services Division.

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WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- As a rule, water in 10-minute cycles.
- Turn-off automatic sprinklers when it rains; most automatic sprinkler systems have a rain delay mode or can be put in the "OFF" position without affecting the programming.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants; this slows evaporation of moisture and, as a bonus, discourages weed growth and soil erosion.
- Check for leaking pipes and faucets; small leaks that are not repaired immediately can waste more than 50 gallons of water a day, or 2,500 gallons per year.
- Check for toilet tank leaks - place a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank, if you see the food coloring seep into the bowl, you have a leak.
- Install low-flow shower heads, they can save up to eight gallons of water each minute the shower is used, or 4,800 gallons per person each year.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Wash only full loads in your washing machine.



Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
IF YOUR ADDRESS IS...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
MIDNIGHT TO NOON	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
NOON - 7:00 PM			DO NOT WATER				
7:00 PM - MIDNIGHT	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER

ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES END IN 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES END IN 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

For more information or to report water waste, call (209) 342-4580.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The City is committed to meet both the current and long-range water needs of the community through system improvements that enhance capacity and delivery. Our system-wide improvements, including additional water storage, transmission and distribution facilities are referred to as "City-wide Downstream Improvements." These improvements are required to fully integrate Phase Two of the Modesto Regional Water Treatment Plant (MRWTP). The Phase Two expansion will double the Modesto Irrigation District (MID) treatment plant capacity to a total of 60 million gallons per day.



Aerial view of the West Tank under construction

The improvements to our water system include: New wells and wellhead treatment provide additional water for use within the overall system. New water mains, along with new wells, will increase the system's water pressure. The total estimated cost for the City-wide Downstream Improvements, Phase Two expansion and other system capital projects was estimated at \$152.8 million.

WATER QUALITY CONTROL

One of the most significant concerns to public health and safety is the purity and quality of our drinking water. Federal and state regulations have been developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure that public drinking water is safe for human consumption.

The City of Modesto ensures water quality by sampling schedules that meet or exceed State and Federal regulations for water quality. Every month, the City of Modesto is responsible for reports to the California Department of Public Health. All results of the water sampling are reviewed for compliance to the drinking water standards.

The City prepares an Annual Consumer Confidence Report that is mailed to citizens as a requirement of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. It covers important information about the drinking water in Modesto including results of our water sampling. The Consumer Confidence Report is available on the City's website at:

www.modestogov.com/pwd/reports/confidence.asp

Due to the nature of mailing the City Beat with the utility water bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.