

City Beat

CITY OF MODESTO



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MID Surface Water Delivery Decrease

The City of Modesto's surface water allocation deliveries from MID will be decreased from an average of 30 million gallons per day to 17 million gallons per day due to lower than average rainfall and snowpack during the past two hydrologic cycles. This 13 million gallon per day decrease will go into effect on May 1, 2014 and continue through April 30, 2015. Because more well water will be used to supplement the reduction during this drought, customers may notice that the water at their taps contains more minerals than usual. While you may notice some aesthetic differences, your water will continue to meet all State Health Department standards.

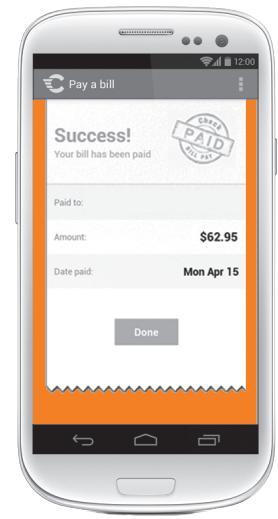
The decrease in surface water allocation should not affect the amount of water available for Modesto's customer needs. Twenty years ago, the City of Modesto invested in a surface water treatment plant and that, along with increased water conservation efforts, has resulted in less groundwater being withdrawn each year from the aquifer. As a result, the Modesto sub basin has not suffered overdraft and this water bank is available for use now when we need it the most.

Due to the current drought conditions statewide, the Governor has asked all Californians to voluntarily cut back on water use by an average of 20%. We ask for your continued help in conserving this most precious resource.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

In observance of Independence Day there will be **no** garbage collection on Friday, July 4. Garbage collection service for all Friday routes will be serviced on Saturday, July 5.

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WIPES CLOG PIPES!

Many personal hygiene wipes, baby wipes, and cleaning products are marketed as being "flushable." Despite the confusing and misleading labels, you should never flush "flushable" or "disposable" products. These products do not break down as they move through the sewer system and may cause blockages in your home sewer lines, resulting in sewer backup in your home. They can also cause blockages in the City's sewer pipes and pumps, causing sewer overflows, costly cleanup and repairs, and extensive environmental damage.

Remember, the only things that should be flushed are human waste and toilet paper. Do not flush items such as disinfecting wipes, paper towels, baby wipes, towelettes, or mop refills. These items should be placed in the trash.

Questions? Contact the City of Modesto Environmental Compliance Section at 577-6200

Please Continue to Conserve Water!

Stage One Water Restrictions Include:

- No outdoor watering on Mondays
- Outdoor water use only before noon and after 7 p.m.
- Addresses ending in odd-numbers only water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday
- Addresses ending in even-numbers only 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
- All landscaping (residential and commercial) must comply with existing and future landscaping ordinances.



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Water Conservation Tips

1. As a rule, water in 5-minute cycles.
2. 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.
3. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants; this slows evaporation of moisture and, as a bonus, discourages weed growth and soil erosion.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
8. Wash only full loads in your washing machine.

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