



## Important Drought Update: New Water Conservation Restrictions

In June, the city council adopted new water conservation guidelines to help Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) meet new state-mandated goals for water conservation. Under current legislation, RPU is being asked to reduce overall water use system wide by 28 percent. Please note, the reduction is a cumulative effort, not individual, not personal, but overall.

To help us achieve our new goal, changes were made to Riverside's water conservation ordinance. They included new schedules that cut outdoor watering to just three days per week (April through October) and two days per week (November through March).

Watering times are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes per station between the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. Customers with high-efficiency drip or micro spray irrigation systems are exempt from this new schedule.

The new watering schedules join a list of changed or updated mandatory conservation measures that came out this spring. They include: no watering of turf or ornamental landscapes during, or 48-hours following measurable precipitation; new requirements by water agencies to notify customers when they are aware of leaks that are within the customer's control to repair; restaurants and other food service establishments can only serve water on request; and hotels and motels must provide guests with options of not having towels/linens laundered daily and must prominently display this option.

Riverside Public Utilities has updated its website [BlueRiverside.com](http://BlueRiverside.com) with the latest guidelines, conservation tips, and information about available water saving rebate programs that can offset the costs of making residential and commercial properties more water wise throughout the city.



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## do you know?

An easy way to cool down your house is with attic fans. And RPU has great rebates for energy customers to install them. Get up to \$100 back for installing solar attic fans, or \$50 back for installing electric ones. Find out more about these and other Weatherization rebates from RPU at [GreenRiverside.com](http://GreenRiverside.com).

## conservationcorner

July is a time when plants can get thirsty. But there are ways to ensure you are doing your part to conserve water and not waste it!

- Stick to night or early morning watering.
- Don't overwater and create runoff.
- Use mulch around planters and trees to help retain moisture.
- Check for and fix leaks.

For more water conservation tips and info on our available water conservation rebate programs visit [GreenRiverside.com](http://GreenRiverside.com).

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