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THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CRISIS

California's Drought Calls for 20 percent Reduction

Our state is facing one of the most severe droughts in recent memory, and many communities are suffering as a result. Governor Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January and directed state officials to take all necessary actions to prepare for water shortages. Water, one of our most important resources, is in trouble, and we need to do

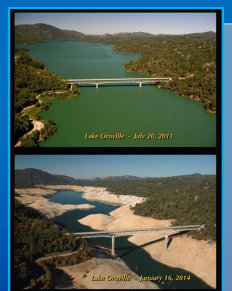
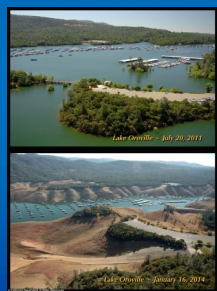
everything we can to protect it today and into the future. The City of Turlock and State agencies are working on long-term solutions, including investments in our water infrastructure. But in the meantime, it is important that everyone does their part to conserve water. The good news is that it's not difficult to save water in our daily lives. As a

community, we must use every drop of water wisely – and probably with more consideration that we ever have before. If you would like more information on how to save water, visit the City of Turlock's website at www.cityofturlock.org or call the Municipal Services Department at (209) 668-5590.

Now, more than ever, it is important to conserve water. The City of Turlock has implemented various tools and resources to assist with water conservation. We have a City wide, year-round watering schedule, free services such as sprinkler timer set-up and residential water surveys, tools to report water waste, high efficiency appliance rebates, and offer low flow devices to qualifying customers. We have also developed a Water Pledge tool for consumers to actively participate and commit to making reductions in and around the home.

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words.....

Below are pictures of a few California lakes and reservoirs, comparing them with images from just a few years ago. Perhaps seeing the effects of the drought first hand will help to demonstrate how important it is to use water efficiently in order to preserve this natural resource now and for years to come. To see more images of drought impacted facilities, visit the City's Go Green section of the website at www.CityofTurlock.org/GoGreen.

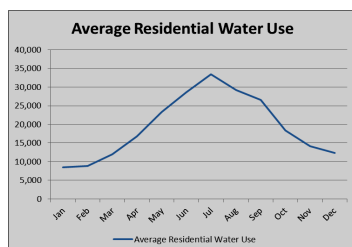


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City Encourages Residents to Reduce Landscape Watering to No More Than 2 Days Per Week

As summer approaches it pays to be mindful of your outside water use. Historically, the average residential water use increases beginning in the month of March, as the weather warms and customers turn their automatic sprinkler systems back on (see illustration A).

ILLUSTRATION A



One of the easiest ways to save water is to make sure that you are not overwatering your lawn and plants. Most of us water more than we need to, which not only wastes water but ends up drowning our plants. Watering for fewer days for the appropriate amount of time will give you healthier plants and use less water.

The City of Turlock has a year round water conservation program, which allows for three days per week for landscape watering and is based on an odd/even watering schedule. However, for many residents,

two days per week would provide a sufficient amount of water to sustain a healthy landscape. Citizens are encouraged to conserve water whenever possible, and to realize there is never an excuse to waste this precious resource. Utilities staff respond to complaints regarding over watering. Seasonally, staff patrols all neighborhoods in Turlock to educate consumers about water conservation.



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