



Municipal Services Department

156 S. Broadway, Ste. 270, Turlock, CA 95380 ~ (209) 668-5590 ~ www.cityofturlock.org/municipalservices

“Quality Service Through Teamwork”

DROUGHT TASK FORCE ZEROS IN ON WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

On January 17, 2014 the Governor declared a drought in California and on July 15, 2014 the State of California approved emergency regulations to ensure agencies and state residents increase their urban water conservation efforts. The City of Turlock has already implemented Stage 1 of its own Emergency Water Shortage Plan that imposes a number of restrictions on water use; therefore, the City has already exceeded most of the provisions of the State Water Board’s emergency regulations. In particular, the City of Turlock already has mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation, vehicle washing, and hardscape washing. Furthermore, the City has a system of warnings and fines in place for water

wasting. The City of Turlock commends its water customers for maximizing their conservation efforts, both at home and at work. The City has also created a drought response task force to focus efforts on water conservation strategies through operational efficiency improvements and by enhancing public education and outreach. Many resources and assistance programs are available to customers as well, including:

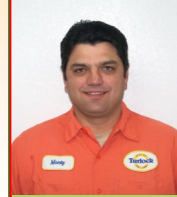
- **FREE RESIDENTIAL WATER SURVEY** -Participants can receive free conservation devices such as aerators and low-flow showerheads.
- **HIGH-EFFICIENCY TOILET AND CLOTHES WASHER REBATES**-Rebates are available for up to \$75 per toilet and \$100 per clothes washer.
- **FREE ASSISTANCE WITH AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER TIMER SET-UP FOR RESIDENTS.**

An abundance of educational material is also available through the City by either calling (209) 668-5590 or online at www.cityofturlock.org/gogreen.

Fall 2014



MEET THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES STAFF



Monty Miller
Utility Maintenance
Worker II
City employee since
2002

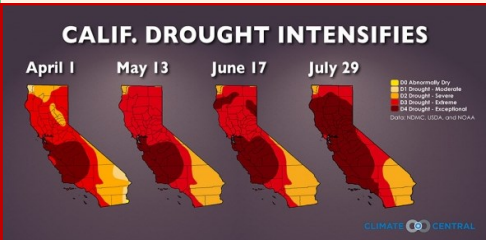
Interesting Fact about Monty:

In his spare time, Monty loves to go fishing.

Monty’s favorite quote that reflects his own personal philosophy:

“It will be Ok.”

.....
Monty Miller
Utility Maintenance Worker II
City of Turlock
Municipal Services Department
(209) 668-5590



“ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN”

Water that flows off our yards, streets, parking lots and driveways into storm drains eventually ends up in the San Joaquin River. The storm drain system and sewer system are completely separate. Our storm drains transport water untreated to City storm ponds where it eventually percolates back into the ground, or is pumped to an irrigation canal and ends up in the San Joaquin River. As water makes its way to storm catch basins it picks up and takes with it all the pollutants found on City

streets, sidewalks, gutters, driveways and parking lots.

Help us reduce pollution in the San Joaquin River by doing the following:

- Comply with the City landscape watering schedule
- Don’t overuse fertilizers or pesticides
- Pick up your pet’s waste
- Sweep up yard debris into green container
- Call 668-5590 to report any illegal dumping



RECYCLE CLEAN—KEEP TURLOCK GREEN!

The City of Turlock and Turlock Scavenger Company have recently increased their public education efforts to remind customers of the types of materials that may be recycled through the City’s residential curbside collection service. Turlock Scavenger currently provides residential pick-up service through a “three cart” waste collection system that provides for the collection of solid waste, commingled recyclables, and green waste. All materials collected by Turlock Scavenger are processed through preliminary sorting with the blue cart recyclables outsourced to a facility for sorting and recycling. The blue cart for commingled (non-sorted) recyclables has greatly assisted the City’s efforts to

comply with State of California mandates to reduce the amount of solid waste that is disposed in landfills. The law requires all agencies, including the City of Turlock, to divert a minimum of 50% of its solid waste from California’s landfills. Historically, through the active cooperation of Turlock citizens, the City of Turlock and Turlock Scavenger, this 50% diversion goal has been met and exceeded. However, recent numbers from the facility that processes Turlock’s recyclables indicate that the level of contamination found within the blue carts exceeds industry standards. If this level of contamination continues it could present difficulties in maintaining compliance with State regulations. Citizens are encouraged to **Recycle Clean - Keep**

Turlock Green by not contaminating the recyclables in their blue cart. Recycling conserves our valuable resources, saves energy, keeps our air clean and keeps valuable recycled materials out of our landfill! Visit our website at www.cityofturlock.org or Turlock Scavenger Company’s website at www.turlockscavenger.com or call the Municipal Services Department at (209) 668-5590 for more information.



City of Turlock– Municipal Services Department

The Municipal Services Department is a full-service department, managing a wide variety of areas serving the citizens of Turlock. This department provides and maintains important public infrastructure systems, such as water, wastewater and storm water to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Turlock and its visitors. The Department's main objective is to provide effective leadership and fiscal responsibility in the delivery of municipal infrastructure in order to promote economic development and improve the quality of life for Turlock's citizens and visitors.

.....
For more information on Municipal Services, please call 209.668.5590 or click [here](#).

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments? E-mail us at municipalservices@turlock.ca.us or call 209.668.5590

