

EXTREME DROUGHT CONTINUES

STATE ADOPTS EMERGENCY REGULATION TO REDUCE WATER DEMAND AND IMPROVE WATER CONSERVATION

In June 2022, to comply with new State requirements, Montecito Water District adopted Ordinance 97, elevating the District's declared water shortage condition from Stage 1 to **Stage 2**.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

New Conservation Measures are in effect:

- **Outdoor irrigation is now limited to every other day of the week.**
(Note: No specific days are designated, customers may select the days. Irrigation may take place every day on a property provided the irrigation of a particular landscape is no more frequent than every other day. Does not apply to properties designated as agricultural.)
- **Pool, spa and hot tub covers are required.**
- **Pool, spa, hot tub, and pond fills / refills are prohibited.**
(Existing water levels may be maintained. Exceptions may apply, please contact us.)

All Existing Water Conservation Measures continue, such as:

- **Water leaks must be repaired immediately.**
- Washing of hard surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, patios and parking lots is prohibited.
- Irrigating landscaping during and within 2 days of rainfall (1/4" or more) is prohibited.
- Irrigating landscaping in a manner that causes water to flow onto an adjacent property, walkway, street, parking lot, etc. is prohibited.
- Irrigating landscaping is only permitted between 6pm and 10am (evening, night, morning) to reduce evaporative losses.

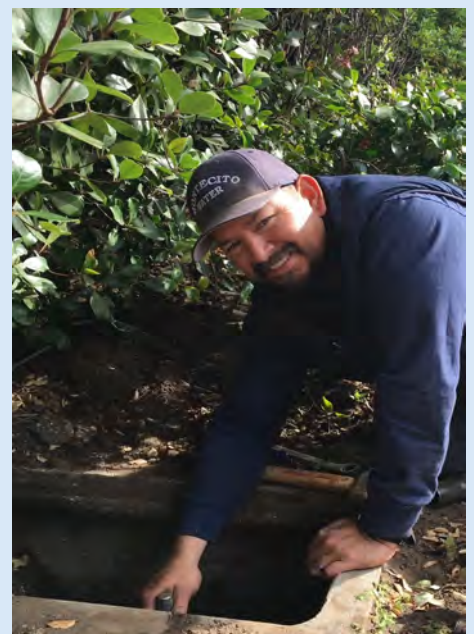
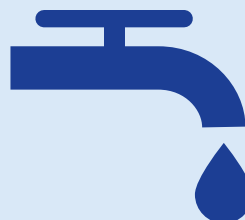
Water Use Regulations are online: www.montecitowater.com/conserve

FIND AND FIX LEAKS!

Every customer's meter in the District was checked for the faucet icon. This project revealed more than **600** potential leaks on private property. These customers are being notified by mail.

The District is working hard on water supply planning and to prevent water waste. If you learn repairs are needed, please do your part and act right away.

If you see the Faucet Icon, you probably have a leak!



WATER USE IS TOO HIGH

District-wide consumption has increased significantly since January and is trending approximately **35%** over budget. We've planned for periods of drought, but excessive use is depleting current supplies and could lead to water shortages.

- Schedule a visit with our Water Conservation Coordinator: It's free, on-site, in English or Spanish, and tailored to the needs of your property!
- Find more resources online:



www.montecitowater.com/conserve



**We need your help
to get water use
back on track!**



Are District Meters Smart?

The District has new meters, but the "smart" part that will provide real-time data is delayed due to the global shortage of semi-conductor chips. We are all eager for the new meters to be fully functional and will keep you updated on progress. In the meantime, we continue to read meters manually, and ask you to do the same. Checking your meter every week helps with early leak detection. More info: www.montecitowater.com/meters

