

# Water Conservation Every Drop Counts

In response to the recent drought regulations announced by the State Water Resources Control Board, the City Council took action to adopt an Emergency Drought Plan. City staff will now enforce the following outdoor water use restrictions, which will remain in place until further notice:

- Outdoor irrigation is limited to 2-days per week according to the following schedule:
  - Odd Address – Monday and Thursday
  - Even Address – Tuesday and Friday
  - No Address – Monday and Thursday
- No daytime watering between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm
- No watering during or 48 hours after measureable precipitation
- No washing vehicles with any hose not having an automatic shut-off nozzle
- No use of a hose for cleaning buildings, sidewalks, or other surfaces

City staff will continue to provide education and outreach to our citizens regarding these restrictions in an effort to achieve compliance with conservation goals and State regulations.

In the case of repeated violations of outdoor water restrictions, homeowners may be subject to an infraction punishable by a fine, not to exceed \$50 for the first violation, \$100 for the second violation within the same year, and \$250 for each additional violation within one year. Additionally, each day that any such violation is committed constitutes a separate offense and is punishable as such (\$250). If necessary, violations may be prosecuted by criminal complaint, filed by the San Bruno's City Attorney, or by citation from the Police Department, or code enforcement officer.

For more information please visit [www.sanbruno.ca.gov](http://www.sanbruno.ca.gov), or call our Operations Division at 650-616-7160.

## **FIRE SAFETY IN DROUGHT CONDITION**



California has been under a state of emergency since January 2014 due to the worst drought in California's history. With such low rainfall, grass and brush across California is tinder-dry and ready to burn. In order to comply with the drought emergency regulations we need to find other ways beyond water to protect against the increased fire risk.

The drought has enhanced the potential severity and fire risk this season and taking proactive steps around your home is essential:

1. Design your landscaping with fire resistive plants.



2. In natural settings, remove all combustible vegetation and dry brush within 100 feet of your home or to your property line.
3. Trim trees so the tips of the lowest limbs are at least six feet from the ground, and at least 10 feet from chimneys.
4. Ensure your irrigation system is maintained and operating efficiently and don't water beyond your landscaping.
5. Have an emergency plan in place in case of fire.
6. Use caution or refrain from shooting fireworks during dangerously dry conditions.

If you are planning on landscaping your home, have your designer or landscaper refer to “Living with Fire in San Mateo County”. This document is an excellent guide to creating a fire resistive vegetation management plan. If you have any questions regarding the “wildland urban interface,” contact the San Bruno Fire Department, 650-616-7096.

## Top 10 Water Conservation Tips



1. Install a low-flow showerhead and take 5-minute showers.
2. Catch water in a watering can or bucket while waiting for water to heat. Insulate hot water pipes so less water needs to run for hot water to reach the faucet. Keep a container of water in the fridge instead of letting it run to get cold.
3. Replace your pre-1992 toilet that uses 3.5 gallons per flush (GPF) or more with a high efficiency model that uses only 1.28 GPF or less per flush.
4. Fix all leaky toilets, faucets, and pipes.
5. Scrape plates and run the garbage disposal less frequently. Compost food scraps instead.
6. Turn-off water while brushing your teeth and shaving. Put a plug in the sink when shaving rather than rinsing the razor under running water.
7. Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.
8. Reduce the size of your lawn and plant native, water-wise plants or use other water efficient landscaping. Check and adjust timers and sprinkler heads every few weeks.
9. Use the hose with a shut off nozzle and a bucket of water to wash a car. Don't wash the car at home in your driveway where chemicals run off into the storm drain and pollute the Bay. Instead, take it to a commercial car wash or clean it on your lawn, gravel driveway, or other area that doesn't drain into the storm drain.
10. Sweep (never hose) driveways, patios, or sidewalks.



Visit [sanbrunowater.ca.gov](http://sanbrunowater.ca.gov) to learn more about the City's washing machine rebate and the Lawn-Be-Gone water conservation programs, or [bawsca.org](http://bawsca.org) for additional water information.

