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Desert Water Agency to Resume Monday, Wednesday, Friday Watering Schedule
Customers do not need to water as much in cooler temperature, Palm Springs parks exempted

Palm Springs – Starting November 1, Desert Water Agency customers will only be allowed to water Monday, Wednesday and Friday, before 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. on those days.

At the beginning of summer, DWA’s Board of Directors eased water use restrictions by temporarily allowing Saturday and Sunday watering. This decision was based on local water supply conditions, above average temperatures and a recent decision by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to change the way percentage savings requirements are calculated for water agencies throughout the state. DWA passed the state’s stress test and was not required to set any conservation standard. DWA continues to require 10-13% conservation over 2013 to make progress toward long-term sustainability.

“As temperatures cool, customers can cut back their water use without jeopardizing their plants,” said DWA Board President James Cioffi. “We’re amazed to see the sacrifices our community has made during this drought, but we believe it makes more sense to focus on permanent water-saving changes.”

Desert Water Agency has also approved a request from the City of Palm Springs to water five days per week at parks. Since restrictions went into effect in June of 2015, the City has cut back by about 41% or 212 million gallons. The City’s parks will be approved for efficient watering Monday through Friday, before 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. as long as they continue to save at least 10% compared to 2013.

“As our largest customer, the City has set an extraordinary example for water savings,” said Cioffi. “Plus, people will be able to enjoy parks, even if they’ve chosen to ‘go gold’ at home.”

DWA offers a variety of water-saving programs, such as free smart irrigation controllers and toilet rebates. Additionally, the Agency recently reinstated the popular turf buy back program. To learn more about DWA’s conservation rebates and incentives, visit www.dwa.org/rebates.

In addition to offering resources to customers, DWA enforces water use restrictions. Every DWA employee has the ability to write a citation for violations. In 2016, DWA has issued nearly 400 citations. Penalties range from \$50 - \$500.

Mandatory water use restrictions include:

- Outdoor watering is allowed Monday, Wednesday, Friday, before 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m.
- Washing of hardscapes (sidewalk, driveway, etc.) is prohibited.
- Water flowing onto adjacent property or hardscapes is prohibited.
- Using a hose (without a shut-off nozzle) to wash vehicles is prohibited.
- Irrigating up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited.
- Water waste is prohibited.

For additional information on DWA restrictions, please visit www.dwa.org/restrictions.

To report water waste, download our app in the App Store or Google play, or use our [online form](#).

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Desert Water Agency is a public, non-profit agency and a State Water Contractor, serving a 325-square-mile area, including parts of Cathedral City, outlying county areas, Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs. An elected five-member board sets policy and represents the ratepayers. For more information, please visit www.dwa.org.