

**Rule 14.1**  
**Voluntary Water Conservation**

**A. TERRITORY**

Penngrove, Town District and Canon Manor District, Sonoma County.

**B. GENERAL INFORMATION**

If water supplies are projected to be insufficient to meet normal customer demand and are beyond the control of the Utility, the Utility may implement voluntary conservation, using the portion of this plan set forth in Section C of this rule, after notifying the Commission's Water Division of its intent. If, in the opinion of the Utility, more stringent water saving measures are required, the Utility shall request Commission authorization by Tier 2 Advice Letter to implement the mandatory rationing measures as set forth in Section D.

The Commission shall authorize mandatory rationing by approving Schedule No. 14.1, Mandatory Water Rationing. When Schedule No. 14.1 has expired or is not in effect, mandatory rationing measures will not be in force. Schedule No. 14.1 will set forth water use violations fines, charges for removal of flow restrictors, and the period during which mandatory rationing measures will be in effect.

When Schedule 14.1 is in effect and the Utility determines that water supplies are again sufficient to meet normal demands, and mandatory measures are no longer necessary, the utility shall seek Commission approval to rescind Schedule No. 14.1 to discontinue rationing through a Tier 1 filing..

**C. VOLUNTARY WATER USE- NON-ESSENTIAL OR UNAUTHORIZED WATER USE**

No customer shall use utility-supplied water for non-essential or unauthorized uses as defined below:

1. Excessive use of water, when the utility has notified the customer in writing to repair a broken or defective sprinkler, plumbing, watering or irrigation system and the customer has failed to make such repairs within 5 days after receipt of such notice, the utility may install a flow restriction device.
2. Use of water which results in flooding or run-off in gutters, waterways, patios, driveway or streets.
3. Use of water for washing aircraft, cars, buses, boats, trailers or other vehicles without a positive shut-off nozzle on the outlet end of the hose. Exceptions include washing vehicles at a commercial or fleet washing facilities operated at a fixed location where equipment using water is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use.
4. Use of water through a hose for washing buildings, structures, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surface areas in a manner which results in excessive run-off or waste.
5. Use of water for watering streets with trucks, except for initial wash-down for construction Purposes (if street sweeping is not feasible), or to protect health and safety of the public.

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6. Use of water for construction purposes, such as consolidation of backfill, dust control, or other uses unless no other source of water or method can be used.
7. Use of water for more than minimal landscaping in connection with any new construction.
8. Use of water for outside plants, lawn, landscape, and turf areas no more often than every other day, with even numbered addresses watering on even numbered days of the month, and odd numbered addresses watering on odd numbered days of the month, except that this provision shall not apply to commercial nurseries, golf courses and other water-dependant industries.
9. Use of water for watering outside plants, lawns, landscape and turf areas during specific hours if and when mandatory conservation, Schedule No. 14.1 is in effect.
10. Use of water for outside plants, lawn and turf areas using a hand held hose without a positive shut-off valve.
11. Use of water for decorative fountains or the filling or topping off of decorative lakes or ponds.
12. Service of water by any restaurant except upon request of the patron.

**D. RATIONING OF WATER USAGE**

In the event water conservation measures required by section C are insufficient to control the shortage, the utility shall, upon approval of the Commission, impose mandatory rationing. rationing shall be in accordance with the conditions set forth in Schedule No. 14.1 as filed prior to the time such rationing is approved by the Commission.

Before mandatory rationing is authorized by the Commission, the utility shall hold public meetings and take all other applicable steps required by Commission Resolution W-4976 and sections 350 through 358 of the California Water Code.

**E. ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY RATIONING**

The water use restriction of the voluntary conservation, in section C of this rule, become mandatory when the mandatory rationing program goes into effect. In the event a customer is observed to be using water for any nonessential or unauthorized use as defined in section C of this rule, the utility may charge a water use violation fine in accordance with Schedule No. 14.1

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