

City of Oakdale Tenants,

On February 27, 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a state of emergency since California is facing its third consecutive year of drought. The Governor is asking all urban water agencies to take immediate action by requesting a voluntary reduction in water use. While the City of Oakdale is served by well water and is not directly affected by low water levels in the reservoir, please read the following suggestions to conserve water.



Ways to Conserve

- ❖ Watering lawns should be done before ten a.m. and/or after seven p.m.
- ❖ Odd # addresses: water outdoor only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- ❖ Even # addresses: water outdoor only on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- ❖ Don't water the gutter. Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas. Also, avoid watering on windy days.
- ❖ Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- ❖ Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other small bit of trash, 5-7 gallons of water is wasted.
- ❖ Insulate your water pipes. It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- ❖ Install water-saving showerheads and low-flow faucet aerators.
- ❖ Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste up to 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.
- ❖ Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.
- ❖ Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units.
- ❖ Don't leave water running while washing your hands, brushing your teeth, or shaving.
- ❖ Take shorter showers. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

Thank you for preserving our water!



Conserve Water

What can you do to conserve?

(Sec.35-48)

- ❖ No lawn/garden watering, or other outdoor use will be allowed between the hours of ten a.m. to seven p.m. every day.
- ❖ Dwellings or establishments with odd numbered street addresses shall use outdoor water only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- ❖ Dwellings or establishments with even numbered street addresses shall use outdoor water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.



What not to do?

(Sec. 35-48)

- ❖ Watering lawns or gardens such that excess water leaves the property or area being watered;
- ❖ Watering outdoor landscaping while raining;
- ❖ Washing vehicles, equipment or boats, during restricted days or hours; and/or using hoses without automatic shut-offs;
- ❖ Hosing down of concrete or asphalt curbs, gutters, sidewalks, driveways or slabs;
- ❖ Having leaky faucets or plumbing fixtures on the premises. (Ord. No. 982.)



Penalties for Over Watering:

(Sec. 35-49):

In the event of a resident wasting water The Department of Public Works shall serve, either personally, by mail, or by posting at the residence or business premises of the customer, with a Notice of Ordinance Violation stating the acts or conduct which constitute the wasting of water, and notifying the customer of the penalty fees assessed for further violations.

1st Violation: A penalty fee of fifty dollars for a first violation within one year after being served with the Notice of Ordinance Violation.

2nd Violation: A penalty fee of seventy-five dollars for the second violation within said one-year period.

3rd Violation: A penalty fee of one hundred dollars within the one-year period

Additional violations: A penalty fee of two hundred dollars within the one-year period.



Ordinance: City-Supplied Water

The following paragraphs are excerpts from the Oakdale City Code and address the responsibilities of anyone using city-supplied water. **You may be in violation of one or more of the following:**

- Damage to meter (§35-10):** If a meter or appurtenances are damaged by the carelessness or negligence of the owner or occupant of the premises, the public works department will repair the meter, and the cost of such repairs shall be charged against the owner of the property and, if not paid within thirty days, shall then become a lien against said property. (Ord. 692 (part), 1977.)
- Unauthorized turning on (§35-16):** No person or water user shall turn on or reconnect a water meter or water connection turned off or disconnected by the city. (Ord. 692 (part), 1977.)
- Use of water by other than supplied person (§35-17):** No water user using water supplied by the city shall supply any other person with such water or allow any other person the use of such water from the water user's water connection, or permit a further connection to be made to the water user's connection on his or any other premises, unless authorized by the public works director. (Ord. 692 (part), 1977.)
- Damage to system (§35-19):** Any person, including a public utility, who damages any city water line or fire hydrant shall immediately report the location and extent of damage to the director of public works. The city shall thereupon repair the damage and charge the cost of such utility, which has caused the same. (Ord. 692 (part), 1977.)
- Prohibited acts (§35-30):**
 - a. No person shall make connection with the system without first obtaining a permit from the city.
 - b. No unauthorized person shall turn on or off or otherwise interfere with any water line or appurtenant facility.
 - c. No person shall construct a bypass around any meter or service. (Ord. 692 (part), 1977.)
- Water charges as a lien (§35-37):** Each charge levied by or pursuant to this chapter or any resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter is a lien upon the premises which received the benefit of the service or facility for which the charge was made, and the property to which service was provided, and any steps authorized by law may be taken by the city to enforce payment of such lien. (Ord. 692 (part), 1977.)
- Payment of water bills (§35-38):**
 - a. When due. What bills are due and payable on the fifteenth day of the billing month.
 - b. Penalties. Any bill, which is not paid on or before the due date, shall be subject to a ten-percent penalty. If the bill is not paid by the thirtieth day of the month following the date of the bill, the water service may be discontinued, and an additional charge for the subsequent turning on shall be paid by the consumer.
 - c. Discontinuance of service. When a service is discontinued due to nonpayment of bills, service shall not be resumed until all charges and penalties are paid. All charges and penalties, which are not paid, shall be a lien on the property.
- Violations a misdemeanor (§35-43):** Any person violating the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor. (Ord. No. 692 (part), 1977.)