



**DROUGHT  
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# 2023 DROUGHT FACTS

**KEEP CONSERVING WATER, SCV: IT'S A CALIFORNIA WAY OF LIFE**

## ARE WE STILL IN A DROUGHT?

Winter storms brought rain and snow to Santa Clarita and a big Sierra snowpack, but **we're not completely out of the drought yet**, or free from its multi-year impacts on water supplies. In fact, SCV Water has depleted 45% of its banked water supplies during the last few dry years. We need to replenish these supplies with the recent rain and snow to ensure enough water for the future.

## SCV WATER TAKES ACTION TO MEET STATE AND LOCAL NEEDS

To ensure enough water for current and future needs of the community, SCV Water remains in Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation Supply Shortage Ordinance and continues to offer conservation programs to customers to help them make long-term water use efficiency improvements.



### WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

Stage 2 continues to prohibit common-sense water waste habits and adds restricted watering days to eliminate water waste. It also adds additional water-saving goals, where customers are encouraged to reduce their water use by up to 20% voluntarily.

## LANDSCAPE WATERING REQUIREMENTS



### WATER NO MORE THAN THREE DAYS PER WEEK

- Odd addresses (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)
- Even addresses (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday)
- No watering on Saturdays



### 5-MINUTE WATERING STATION RUN TIMES

- Maximum of two five-minute cycles per station per watering day
- 10 minutes max



### WATER MORNINGS AND EVENINGS

- November to April: midnight to 10 a.m. and/or 6 p.m. to midnight
- May to October: midnight to 9 a.m. and/or 8 p.m. to midnight

### CONTINUED PROHIBITED WATER WASTE ACTIONS

- Eliminate runoff from your landscape
- Use a hose with a shutoff nozzle when washing your car
- Use a broom – not water – to sweep your sidewalk, driveway and hardscape
- Turn off your irrigation during measurable rain (0.25 inch) and for at least 48 hours after

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## PUTTING THE DROUGHT INTO PERSPECTIVE

It may seem that California is always in a drought. Here is why the current drought matters.



**IMPORTED SUPPLIES:** We started the water year at a 5% State Water Project allocation. With the storms, the Department of Water Resources has increased this to 35% in February and it might increase even more as winter ends. However, the past three dry years required us to use 45% of our banked water supply that will take years to replenish.



**PRECIPITATION:** Although recent rain and snow provided much-needed water in the SCV and throughout the state, it could take more than one wet year to recover from three years of historic drought. And we remember that a very wet December 2021 was followed by the driest January – March in 128 years. We never have enough water to waste.



**EXTENDED DRY CONDITIONS:** Long-term water conservation and water use efficiency measures, technologies, and improvements are needed to restore our banked water supplies that we used during the current drought as well as to stretch these supplies for future needs.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Take advantage of rebate programs
- Adhere to current water waste restrictions and requirements
- Report water waste you see in the SCV



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