

News Release



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No Irrigation Requested During Infrastructure Upgrades

Beginning Feb. 23, consumers and businesses in Altadena are being asked to refrain from irrigating their lawns for 15 days as an imported water pipeline undergoes upgrades to help maintain future supply reliability.

Water agencies serving La Cañada and La Crescenta also are asking customers to refrain from irrigating their lawns for up to 10 days starting February 29 because of limited water availability during the shutdown.

Altadena Customers

For those customers served by Las Flores Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association, the shutdown will last from Feb. 23 through March 10. Altadena customers are asked to reduce water use during this period, particularly by shutting off outdoor landscape irrigation.

Foothill Municipal Water District is overlapping its shutdown with a planned Metropolitan Water District of Southern California shutdown to reduce the impacts of multiple shutdowns. The extended shutdown is required to replace a portion of the imported water pipeline which serves the local retail agencies. Pasadena customers are not impacted by the Foothill work but are impacted by the Metropolitan work and should check with Pasadena Water and Power for water use restrictions during this time period. Construction work will be occurring at the intersection of Glenrose Avenue and Figueroa Drive and the intersection of Glen Avenue and West Calaveras Street. Foothill asks residents to avoid these areas if possible during this time and apologizes for the inconvenience the construction will cause. As soon as imported water is available, Foothill MWD's website—www.fmwd.com—will be changed so that customers may be notified. Additionally, signage that will be placed in front of each agency's offices will be removed.

La Cañada and La Crescenta Customers

Metropolitan is upgrading its F.E. Weymouth Treatment Plant in La Verne in preparation of new water treatment technology as well as rehabilitating a portion of its distribution system in Eagle Rock. During these upgrades, imported water will not be available to augment local supplies.

During the 10-day shutdown, local retail water agencies will be relying on local water and stored supplies to meet demands. The agencies are asking customers to assist with stretching supplies for the entire duration by not watering their lawns and conserving indoors during the outage. The signage that the water agencies use in the area to indicate water supplies will be changed to red--Critical. As soon as water is available and restrictions can be relaxed, signage will be changed back to orange--Allocation or Rationing to reflect the drought conditions. Foothill, the imported water wholesaler for the area, also will notify La Cañada and La Crescenta customers on its website of the change. This outage does not impact Glendale Water and Power customers.

ACTIONS TO TAKE DURING THE SHUTDOWN

- Turn off irrigation controllers and cease all outdoor watering.
- Do not mow your lawns. Minimize the use of your lawn (i.e., playing on it, leaving vehicles on it, etc.) to reduce stress on the turf.
- Take short showers (5-minute max). Place a bucket in the shower to collect the water before it warms up. Use this water for plants.
- Do not leave water running when washing dishes, brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Run only full loads in washing machine and dishwasher.
- Do not use water to clean sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and other hardscapes.
- Limit vehicle washing and only patronize local carwashes which use recycled water.
- Turn off fountains and other decorative water features.

If you have any questions, please contact your local water provider or FMWD at (818) 790-4036. For more water savings tips, please go to BeWaterwise.com.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California imports water from the Colorado River and northern California for use within southern California. Foothill Municipal Water District purchases that water and pumps it into the Altadena, La Cañada and La Crescenta areas. It is then purchased by Crescenta Valley Water District, La Cañada Irrigation District, Mesa Crest Water Company, Valley Water Company, Lincoln Avenue Water Company, Las Flores Water Company and Rubio Cañon Land & Water Association to augment local supplies. Kinneloa Irrigation District, another retail agency, takes no water from Foothill.

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