

**Policy Number: 1.2.0**

**Title: WATER CONSERVATION**

**Introduction:**

District will contact customers notifying them of mandatory restrictions. To maintain reserve water supply capacity for the health and safety responsibilities of the District (for example, keeping an adequate reserve of water for fire fighting), the District has implemented a water conservation plan.

**Ends:**

The Board of Directors has concluded that a District-wide voluntary water conservation program will enable the District to decrease its demand for water during the summer months when water resources are not as plentiful and, at the same time, enhance the valley's natural resources.

The objectives of the voluntary water conservation program are to: (1) increase the awareness of valley residents as to the need to conserve water; (2) educate valley residents as to how they can conserve water; (3) decrease household and commercial use of water, including water used for irrigation, during the months of June through October. The conservation program may or may not establish financial incentives/disincentives to encourage appropriate water usage.

The conservation plan operates at three restriction levels:

Unrestricted: The water supply is adequate for projected needs. The District urges customers to avoid wasting water.

Voluntary restrictions: Invoked when projected water use exceeds 80% of available supply. All customers should limit water use. Please avoid filling hot tubs and taking extended showers (normal indoor uses such as clothes washing and brief showers are acceptable). Refrain from using water for washing patios and other hard surfaces. Irrigation should be limited to thrice weekly: Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday for even addresses, and Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday for odd addresses. Car washing should be done at commercial facilities.

Mandatory Restrictions: Invoked when fire-fighting reserves are projected to drop below 110% of reserve requirements or there is a failure of a water supply. Outdoor water uses are forbidden. Violators may be subject to suspension of service. As with the voluntary restrictions, please avoid using large quantities indoors. Normal indoor uses such as clothes washing and brief showers are acceptable.

The District posts the current restriction level on a sign on Alpine Meadows Road. In the event of a mandatory restriction, the District's Teleminder system will make an automated telephone call to the phone number of record of each customer informing them of the mandatory restrictions.

The District keeps a supply of materials regarding water conservation in its office. This material includes landscaping guides specific to the Lake Tahoe area, as well as tips on indoor and outdoor conservation. People wishing to visit the District office are encouraged to call first, to make sure there will be staff available during the visit.

The water conservation plan is also available for public inspection in the District office.

Landlords, please post a copy of this policy summary in each rental unit. Laminated copies of this policy are available in the District office.

**Responsibility:**

The General Manager is responsible for monitoring the water supply and recommending to the Board of Directors, for its approval, if, and when, a restriction level is appropriate.