



## A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 6 COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON

District 6 Constituents,

The FAQ sheet from Pasadena Water and Power addresses many questions that you might have about the change in the watering schedule.

We have added additional information on tree care.

### Tips for Tree Maintenance and Care When Amending Landscapes

In light of Pasadena California's historic drought many residents and business owners are changing their landscapes to use less water. While removing turf and other water hungry plants, please consider the trees. The Department of Public Works offers the following tips for maintaining trees while modifying your landscape practices.

#### Tree Protection Measures with Changing Landscapes

It is important to continue to water newly planted and existing trees once every five to seven days.	Use a soak hose or bubbler/drip irrigation to water trees within the "drip line" area which is directly along the outside edge of the trees' canopy and can be a great distance from the trunk (this is where mature trees drink/absorb available water not at the trunk).	If removal of unwanted landscapes requires digging out plant material use hand tools and dig carefully, as this can damage important absorbing tree roots.
When removing turf or other landscaping, cut the existing material to ground level and cover with 3 to 4 inches of clean mulch to avoid damaging needed any absorbing tree roots.	Modifying landscapes and irrigation practices in both the parkway and front yard areas at the same time can severely stress or kill trees. If proper deep watering is not provided to the tree.	Always avoid irrigation water from coming in contact with the trunk of the tree (trees cannot absorb water through the trunk/bark).

PA/ADENA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NATURAL & PARKS RESOURCES DIVISION

### Maintaining a Healthy Landscape in a Drought

California is in a serious drought, and we don't know how long it will last. That's why every drop saved today counts. Here's how you can maintain a healthy, resilient landscape if you're faced with watering restrictions or limited water availability.

There are big and little steps you can take to conserve. Consider using the hot summer months as an opportunity to turn off your irrigation and sheet mulch to remove grass. Then, in the fall, you can replace your lawn with beautiful California Friendly® and native plants with the help of a rebate.

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### Tips for Trees

### Maintaining a Healthy Landscape

## Frequently Asked Questions - One Day Per Week Watering Schedule 2022

On August 15, 2022, Pasadena City Council approved implementing a one day per week watering schedule effective September 1, 2022.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How long will these restrictions be in place?

The one-day-per-week outdoor irrigation schedule takes effect on September 1, 2022, and will continue through March 31, 2023, or longer, depending on continued drought conditions.

**What day can I water?**

If you have an even numbered street address, you can water on Mondays. If you have an odd numbered street address, you can water on Tuesdays.

**What time can I water?**

You can water before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Watering during the hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. is prohibited. Is there a time limit to how long I can water?

There is not a limit on the length of watering time, but watering or irrigating any lawn, landscape or other vegetated areas in a manner that causes or allows runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures is prohibited. PWP recommends shorter watering cycles to allow water to be absorbed by the soil.

**What if I am watering with a hose or have drip irrigation?**

Watering with a hose equipped with a water shut off nozzle, and low flow drip irrigation where no emitter uses more than 2 gallons of water per hour are exempted from the watering day and time restrictions. We still recommend that you water before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

**Can I wash my car or other vehicles?**

Yes, but you must use either a hose with a shut off nozzle or use a hand-held bucket.

**Do the restrictions apply to watering trees?**

It is very important to keep trees healthy and watered. Use a hand held hose with a water shut off nozzle, or a bucket to water your trees. Provide water slowly to allow water to permeate soil and reach deeper roots. Water young trees twice weekly, and mature trees twice monthly.

**How can I help further save water during Metropolitan Water District's two-week emergency shutdown (Sept. 6-20)?**

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), who provides a percentage of Pasadena's water supply, will need to perform critical repairs to their infrastructure from September 6-20; requiring a two-week emergency shutdown of an upstream MWD pipeline. PWP will continue to receive water from MWD during the shutdown. However, as the supply source will be switched to limited State Water Project supplies during the shutdown, MWD is asking the region serviced by this pipeline to significantly reduce water use, including voluntarily suspending outdoor watering during the two week period. PWP encourages residents and businesses to answer MWD's call for action.

**Pasadena residents and businesses are also encouraged to take the following steps:**

- Continue to water trees by hand on a weekly basis.
- Replace turf with drought-tolerant and California native plants, which use less water and are more resilient to heat and drought.
- Adjust sprinklers and automated irrigation systems to run no more than one day per week.
- Add mulch around shrubs, flower beds and trees to help reduce water evaporation.
- Collect water while showering or from the kitchen sink in a bucket, and use it to water trees and shrubs.
- Optimize irrigation systems by retrofitting to a drip irrigation system.
- Repair all leaks and adjust sprinkler spray to avoid water waste.
- Update all water fixtures and appliances to high-efficiency
- Use pool covers to reduce water loss.
- Answer MWD's call for action, including suspending outdoor watering during MWD's emergency shutdown Sept. 6-20. Visit [mwdh2o.com](http://mwdh2o.com) for more information.

**Where can I find more information about water conservation?**

PWP has a robust portfolio of water conservations programs and resources, including rebates for turf removal, irrigation measures, and fixtures and appliances; free irrigation check-ups; direct install of water saving measures; greywater system installations; landscape design guides and templates; and workshops and online tutorials. Information on water saving programs and resources can be found online at [www.PWPweb.com/SaveWater](http://www.PWPweb.com/SaveWater).

- We are pleased to send updated messages from the City and District 6 Please share this information with neighbors and friends. If they wish to be added to the distribution list, please have them write to us and include a home address as we will continue to group messages by neighborhoods to target our audience when appropriate. Our email addresses are at the bottom of the message.
- In case you have missed any of these important message, please go to our website [www.cityofpasadena.net/district6](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/district6).
- For the last news issues click "[District 6 News](#)"

## COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON

Steve Madison was first elected in 1999 to represent District 6, which includes the beautiful West Pasadena neighborhoods above the Rose Bowl and in Southwest Pasadena, much of Old Pasadena, the Art Center College of Design, the Convention Center & Civic Auditorium, most of the Arroyo Seco, the historic Colorado Street Bridge, and the.....

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