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Sacramento Suburban Water District Sets New Limits on Landscape Watering

Unveils new rebate programs to help customers conserve

SACRAMENTO--The Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) has adopted new outdoor watering restrictions that limit landscape irrigation to two days per week on specific days and times.

The new watering guidelines are designed to further encourage water reductions in light of the severe drought plaguing California and new directives from the Governor and State Water Resources Control Board to reduce water use. Sacramento Suburban Water District is required to reduce its water use by over 30 percent.

Effective immediately, outdoor watering is limited for all District customers to two (2) days per week according to the following schedule:

- Addresses ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) can water on Tuesday and Saturday
- Addresses ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) and water on Sunday and Wednesday
- Customers are allowed to water on their designated day before noon or after 8 p.m.

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"People can make a big dent in their household water use by limiting landscape watering, which is where most water use occurs," said Greg Bundesen, SSWD's Water Conservation Supervisor. At a typical home, most water use goes to watering lawns and outdoor landscaping, and about 30 percent of that is lost due to overwatering and evaporation from wind and sun.

"By taking immediate action to limit landscape watering, SSWD customers can maximize water savings during the coming peak temperature and water use months. Summer presents our best opportunity to achieve the ambitious conservation targets set by the state," Bundesen said.

In addition to the new watering guidelines, the District also is unveiling a suite of new incentive programs to help customers reduce water use. Rebates include:

- **Turf Replacement ("Cash for Grass"):** 50 cents per square foot (up to \$1,000) for replacing thirsty lawn with low-water use plants.
- **Irrigation Efficiency Upgrades** (up to \$300) for replacing existing spray sprinklers with more efficient rotary nozzles and drip irrigation systems.
- **Pool Covers** (up to \$100), which can reduce evaporation from pools by up to 95 percent.
- **Rain Sensors** (up to \$100) to automatically turn off sprinkler systems during rain.
- **Recirculating Hot Water Pumps** (up to \$150) to deliver hot water on demand.
- **WaterSense-Labeled Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers** (up to \$100) to install a "smart" sprinkler controller that adjusts watering schedules according to the weather.

Complete rebate details and applications, as well as water-wise tips will be available at sswd.org.

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