



# **Comprehensive Water Conservation Requirements**

## **Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007**



The Santa Fe City Council has adopted changes to the ordinance that regulates water use in the City of Santa Fe. (Chapter 25 SFCC 1987). These changes include the adoption of permanent conservation measures, the revision of the rate structure, and the replacement of numbered Emergency Stages with Colored Stages.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 the new Comprehensive Water Conservation Requirements will go into effect, replacing the Stage 2 Water Shortage Emergency Regulations. The following provisions apply to all Sangre de Cristo Water customers and water users within the City limits, including domestic well users.

### **Landscape Requirements** *(Chapter 14 SFCC 1987)*

- Turf grass sod or turf grass seed mixes installed within the city limits shall contain 25% or less Kentucky bluegrass.
- Warm season grasses are recommended for most turf applications. The installation of cool season turf grasses is discouraged, as they require greater quantities of irrigation water.
- A permit is required for all new irrigation system installations.
- A UPC approved backflow prevention device is required for all irrigation systems connected to the city water system including existing irrigation systems.
- Overhead spray irrigation is prohibited for watering trees and shrubs.
- Shut-off nozzles are required on hoses used for hand watering.

### **Outdoor Requirements** *(Chapter 25 SFCC 1987)*

- Outdoor irrigation is prohibited between 10 am – 6 pm (in effect May 1 – Oct 31).
- Outdoor swimming pools must be covered when not in use.
- Vehicle washing at residences is limited to once per month, per vehicle.
- Vehicle washing at residences shall use a hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle.
- Commercial car sale lots and other commercial and governmental entities with on-site vehicle washing facilities are limited to washing each vehicle one time per month unless there is a demonstrated public health or safety reason for more frequent washings. Commercial car sale lots shall be allowed to wash cars at time of sale and prior to placing in a showroom.
- Using water to clean hard surfaces with a hose or power washer is prohibited (e.g. driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, outdoor eating areas).
- Wasting water is prohibited. This includes "The pumping, flow, release, escape, or leakage of any water from any pipe, valve, faucet, irrigation system or facility onto any hard surface such that water accumulates as to either create individual puddles in excess of ten (10) square feet in size or cause flow along or off of the hard surface or onto adjacent property or the public right-of-way, arroyo, or other water course, natural or manmade."
- During the irrigation of landscaping, the escape or flow of water away from the landscaping plants being irrigated is prohibited.

## **Indoor/Signage Requirements**

*(Chapter 25 SFCC 1987)*

- Public, semi-public, and governmental entities are required to post city approved water conservation signage in restroom and shower facilities.
- Hotels, motels, and other lodging facilities shall provide a water conservation informational card or brochure in a visible location in each guest room.
- Minor water system leaks as determined by the city, shall be repaired by the owner or property manager within fifteen (15) days of initial notification by the Water Division, severe leaks shall be repaired immediately.
- All public and private eating establishments shall provide water only on request, and shall clearly communicate this to customers through table tents, a note on the menu, or clearly visible signage.
- Lodging facilities shall not change the sheets and towels more than once every four (4) days for guests staying more than one night.

## **Water Use Violation Fees**

1<sup>st</sup> Violation: \$20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: \$50  
3<sup>rd</sup> Violation: \$100  
4<sup>th</sup> and additional violations: \$200

## **Comments and Questions**

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