



CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE

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PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE COMPLYING WITH WATER RESTRICTIONS

(turf areas in parks and some medians
are beginning to brown due to
required irrigation cutbacks)

As California is embroiled in an extremely severe drought, the City of Westlake Village and all customers served by the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVWMD) are subject to current watering restrictions imposed as a result of the statewide drought. The LVMWD Board recently adopted a new regulation that only allows outdoor irrigation two days per week unless customers are using reclaimed or recycled water. Those using recycled water may water three days a week.

Four out of five of the City's parks (Three Springs Park, Berniece Bennett Park, Russell Ranch Park, Foxfield Park, and the new Community Park on Thousand Oaks Boulevard), along with City Hall and medians and parkways on major arterial streets are watered with recycled water at a frequency of three times per week. The one exception is Canyon Oaks Park which is serviced by potable water; therefore, it can only be irrigated two times per week.

Unfortunately, whether City-controlled irrigation is performed three times per week with recycled water or twice a week with potable water, the impact of this mandatory reduction in outdoor watering on City property will most certainly begin to have its effect with the heat that accompanies the summer months. Residents can anticipate that for turf areas

in City parks, parkways and medians, unavoidable browning of grass areas will occur. In fact, such browning is already noticeable at Three Springs Park, Canyon Oaks Park, and several medians in the community. Further unavoidable browning of turf areas will follow in the months ahead. However, please be assured that the City will continue to control its overall watering of public property using the most efficient and effective practices available. For example, the City's irrigation system is controlled and monitored by a central weather based system which automatically shuts off water if any measurable amounts of precipitation are detected. Also, recent landscape projects undertaken by the City have employed the use of underground drip irrigation systems as well as plant materials that are more drought tolerant to reduce water usage.

In an effort to assist the public with further information and education on the drought and water saving practices, the City and LVMWD recently collaborated by sponsoring a community workshop at City Hall. For those residents who were unable to attend the meeting, the workshop was taped and can be viewed on the City's website at www.wlv.org.

Finally, residents are being asked to assist in this time of drought in several ways by following the LVMWD watering schedule and by alerting the City if a broken sprinkler or over watering is observed on City-owned property. Additionally, to report any wasteful or excess watering on private property, residents should contact the LVMWD directly by calling the District at 818-251-2200 or emailing its office at StopTheWaste@lvmwd.com.