

## **PROHIBITED WATER WASTING PRACTICES**

**Note:** The prohibition of the Water Wasting Practices as listed below are applicable to **all** stages of the Drought Contingency Plan.

1. **Prohibited Water Wasting Practices:** To prevent the waste and unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, each of the following actions is prohibited, except where necessary to address an immediate health and safety need or to comply with a term or condition in a permit issued by a State or Federal agency:
  - a. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures;
  - b. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use;
  - c. The application of potable water to driveways and sidewalks;
  - d. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system;
  - e. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during **and** within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
  - f. The irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians;
  - g. The irrigation with potable water of landscapes outside newly constructed homes and buildings in a manner inconsistent with regulations or other requirements established by the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development.
2. **Penalties for Violation:** The taking of any action prohibited in subsections 1.a thru 1.g above, is an infraction punishable by a fine as described below:
  1. First Violation – Verbal warning and informational door hanger requiring immediate correction.
  2. Second Violation – Written warning requiring immediate correction.
  3. Third Violation – Assessment of a fifty dollar fine (\$50).
  4. Fourth Violation – Assessment of a seventy-five dollar fine (\$75).
  5. Fifth Violation – Assessment of a one-hundred dollar fine (\$100).
  6. Sixth and Subsequent Violations – A fine not to exceed five-hundred dollars (\$500) can be assessed for each violation.