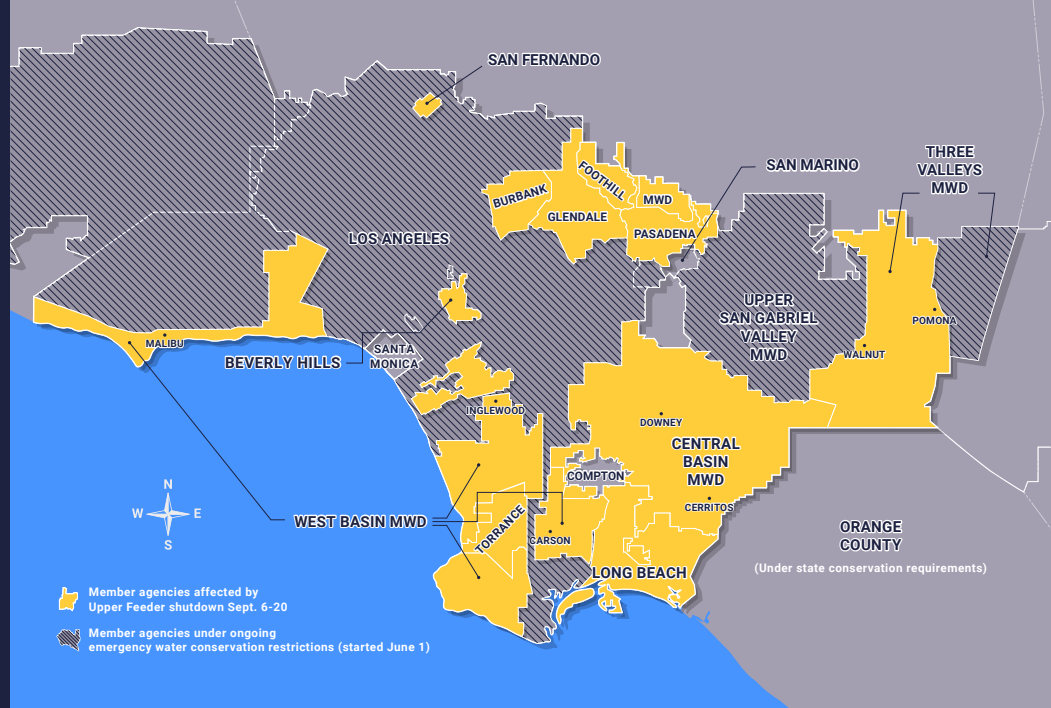




Emergency Repair to Upper Feeder Pipeline



Urgent Call for Action: Sept. 6-20, 2022 NO OUTDOOR WATERING for 15 days

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 6, residents and businesses in portions of greater Los Angeles County are being called on to suspend outdoor watering for 15 days as a critical imported water pipeline is shut down for emergency repairs. The Metropolitan Water District is joined by its member agencies and local retail water agencies in making this urgent water-saving call to maintain and stretch Southern California's severely limited water supplies while Metropolitan repairs this critical pipeline.

Understanding the Shutdown

- The 36-mile Upper Feeder pipeline is an important part of Metropolitan's regional water system, delivering Colorado River water into the region before it is treated and distributed to communities throughout Los Angeles County.
- After a leak was discovered in the pipeline earlier this year, Metropolitan made a temporary repair and began operating the pipeline at a reduced capacity while a more permanent fix was developed.
- Agencies under the water-saving request include the cities of Beverly Hills, Burbank, Glendale, Long Beach, Pasadena, San Fernando and Torrance, as well as Central Basin Municipal Water District, Foothill Municipal Water District, Three Valleys Municipal Water District and West Basin Municipal Water District.
- Residents and businesses who want to know more about how the shutdown will affect them should contact their water provider or email communityrelations@mwdh2o.com.
- Consumers under emergency conservation since June 1 will maintain the existing watering restrictions from their local agencies (see map).
- For the latest information about the shutdown visit: mwdh2o.com/shutdown

Metropolitan, its member agencies and local retailers thank residents and businesses in advance for their cooperation as we repair this critical pipeline. Following are tips on how to prepare your landscaping for no watering Sept. 6-20, and what to do indoors to reduce water usage.

Helpful Tips to Manage Through 15-Day Shutdown

PRIOR TO SHUTDOWN

General Landscaping

- Delay new plantings until after Sept. 20
- Avoid fertilizing lawns and plants prior to the shutdown
- Weed your garden to help make more water available for your plants
- Set your sprinkler timer to the "OFF" position on the evening of Sept. 5

Lawns

- Aerate your lawn and add compost two weeks prior to the shutdown
- Cycle and soak. Short bursts of watering allow time for water to soak into the soil instead of running off your lawn
- Set mowers for a higher cut than normal. Longer blades of grass help reduce evaporation. Or avoid mowing altogether
- Do a normal watering of your lawn according to your agency's watering schedule

Shrubs/Flowers/Ground Covers

- Water deeply and early the morning of Monday, Sept. 5, or on the last day hand watering is allowed in your community before the shutdown
- Add mulch around your plants three inches from the stem. Do not irrigate mulch, pull it away while watering then put back into place
- Shade your plants where possible. Shading can be done with sun cloth, canopy tents or umbrellas
- Water succulents and other desert plants as normal. Do not overwater as that could harm them

Trees

- On Monday, Sept. 5, or on the last day hand watering is allowed in your community before the shutdown, deep-water your trees and shrubs by either hand watering, setting out soaker hoses or watering with a regular hose on a slow trickle. Water until the soil is soaked to a depth of about 8–12 inches
- Surround the tree with mulch before watering for added moisture retention. Make sure the mulch is three inches from the trunk

DURING SHUTDOWN (Sept. 6-20)

Outdoors

- Eliminate all outdoor watering
- Remember, **two weeks of no watering will not kill your lawn.** Though you will see a noticeable yellowing, it will improve once your previous watering schedule resumes
- Do not mow your lawn. Minimize the use — playing, parking vehicles

Indoors

- Put a bucket in your shower to collect water as the shower warms up. Use this water to hand water houseplants and sensitive outdoor plants as well as areas of the lawn that may show excessive stress (the hot spots)
- Take short showers (5-minute max)
- Do not leave water running when washing dishes. Fill a small bin or bucket with water to wash your dishes in. When you're done, use that water for trees or lawns
- Run only full loads in washing machine and dishwasher
- Do not leave water running when brushing your teeth or shaving

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About Metropolitan

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a state-established cooperative of 26 member agencies – cities and public water agencies – that serve 19 million people in six counties. Metropolitan imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies and helps its members develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource management programs.



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