

Water Conservation Notice

Water District 19

Please Conserve Drinking Water

Due to a temporary reduction in source capacity, Water District 19 is implementing Emergency Water Use Restrictions, requesting all users to conserve water and refrain from non-essential uses as identified in Section xii of the Master Resolution.

What should I do?

Adhere to the following Moderate Emergency Conditions:

- No watering of lawns, including the grass areas of public use athletic and physical education fields
- No washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, or other impervious surface areas
- No washing of any building or structure
- No washing of any motor vehicle, boat, travel trailer other than for safety cleaning of windows
- No tap water served to customers at restaurants unless requested by the customer to whom it is provided
- No use of water for fire department drills or burn house exercises
- No use of water to fill any indoor or outdoor swimming pools or spas
- No use of water for operating private or public fountains or ponds for aesthetic or scenic uses
- Bulk water restrictions at the Board's discretion

What happened?

An algal bloom in the settling/recycle ponds has disrupted operations at Water District 19's Surface Water Treatment Plant. Out of an abundance of caution, Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has ordered that the ponds be drained and cleaned. Algae has not been detected in the distribution system. In order to drain and clean the ponds, the District must limit use of the Treatment Plant, which limits our capacity to serve. We are currently struggling to keep pace with summer demand while maintaining compliance with DOH and Washington State Department of Ecology directives.

What is being done?

District staff are working with regulatory agencies and District engineers to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Emergency Water Use Restrictions will likely be in effect through mid-September. Once source capacity has been restored, customers will be notified that the restrictions have been lifted.

Thank you for your efforts to conserve our drinking water and your patience while we work to resolve this problem

For more information, please contact John Martinak at 206-463-9007 or jmartinak@water19.com.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

xii) **EMERGENCY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS**

When the District's water supply usage exceeds the rate of resupply (when we are not meeting demand), the Board may declare whether such condition constitutes a minor emergency, a moderate emergency, or a severe emergency, whereupon the following user restrictions and penalties shall apply to use of water from the District's sources:

1. Minor Emergency Conditions
 - Restricted watering of lawns, not to include the grass areas of public use athletic and physical education fields
 - No washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, or other impervious surfaced areas
 - No washing of any building or structure except that high pressure, low water volume washers may be used
 - No washing of any motor vehicle, boat, travel trailer other than for safety cleaning of windows
 - No tap water served to customers at restaurants unless requested by the customer to whom it is provided
 - No use of water for fire department drills or burn house exercises
 - Bulk water restrictions at the Board's discretion
2. Moderate Emergency Conditions
 - No watering of lawns, including the grass areas of public use athletic and physical education fields
 - No washing of sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, or other impervious surface areas
 - No washing of any building or structure
 - No washing of any motor vehicle, boat, travel trailer other than for safety cleaning of windows
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3. Severe Emergency Conditions
 - All of the above noted restrictions in #2
 - Shrubs, flowers and tree seedlings and vegetable gardens may only be hand watered or watered by manually initiated, timer controlled irrigation systems.

Exemptions: Any customer contending that the mandatory water restrictions contained in this resolution constitute a public or personal health or safety hazard may apply for an exemption from or modification of the provisions of this resolution by

application to the Board of Commissioners. For good cause shown, the Board may modify any mandatory water use restriction applicable to such customer or exempt the customer from the subject restriction.

The District will notify customers of Emergency Conditions through the use of reader boards at strategic locations on the Island, and when possible, through written communication through mailings or the newspaper.

Enforcement during Emergency Conditions:

1. First Violations: violators of Emergency Conditions will be given written notice of warning.
2. Fines for Second and additional violations: Upon a second and additional violations, the customer shall be fined as described in the attached rates and fees.

Any customer notified of a violation shall pay such fine. Fines will be included in the customer's next regular billing for water service by the District. If the fine is not paid within 30 days of the date of the water service billing including the fine, the District shall enforce the collection of the fine pursuant to RCW 57.08.170.

Water Flow Restrictions and Water Shut-off: Upon a third or additional violation, the customer's water flow may be restricted by a mechanical device to provide water only in quantities consistent with health and safety, or water service to such customer may be disconnected as determined by the Board of Commissioners.