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Dear Residents of Kingsburg,

Alexander J. Henderson
City Manager

On April 15, 2015, the Kingsburg City Council approved the adoption of mandatory water conservation measures that will take effect immediately. Mandatory water conservation is being implemented in compliance with Executive Order B-29-15 that was issued on April 1, 2015 by Governor Brown. The City of Kingsburg has been ordered to cut usage by 36%. You can find more about our requirements and check for new updates by visiting the City's website www.cityofkingsburg-ca.gov.

Did you know that up to 50% of outdoor irrigation is wasted through inefficient watering methods? See the back of this page for tips to conserve. To help meet the required conservation levels, the following water restrictions will take effect immediately:

- Outdoor watering reduced from three (3) days a week to two (2).
 - **EVEN** numbered address irrigation days: **Wednesday and Sunday** only
 - **ODD** numbered address irrigation days: **Tuesday and Saturday** only
 - No watering on Monday, Thursday or Friday
- New outdoor irrigation hours
 - **No watering between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.** on any day.
 - Drip irrigation is **not** restricted to specific days.

Water restrictions already in place include:

- Do not allow water to flow beyond your property line
- Automatic shutoff nozzle required for washing vehicles
- Washing down of driveways or sidewalks is prohibited

Beginning May 15, 2015, those violating any water guideline will be cited on their first violation. If you notice any water waste, you can report it to City Hall at 559-897-5821, or by utilizing the Kingsburg Connection online service. Residents can also download the City smartphone app free of charge for both iPhone and Android devices.

Respectfully,

Alexander J. Henderson
City Manager

Levels of fines:
1 st Offense - \$25.00
2 nd Offense - \$50.00
3 rd Offense - \$100.00
4 th or more Offenses - \$500.00

NOTE: The back of your utility bill shows the former watering schedules. Please disregard – the back of the bills are preprinted in bulk and thus unable to be changed at this time.

Helpful tips to further reduce your water use:

IRRIGATION	
Don't overwater plants. Helpful Hint: If leaves turn lighter shades of green or yellow, young shoots wilt, and sometimes algae or fungi grow – you are overwatering.	Install a drip irrigation system in planters. <i>This will direct water to the plant roots, reduce evaporation and unnecessary water waste. (Drip irrigation is not limited to daily restrictions.)</i>
Check for leaks in irrigation system. <i>The usual location for constant leaks is the irrigation valves.</i>	Water just the roots of the plant, don't shower the leaves. <i>This will cut the risk of fungal disease and reduced evaporation.</i>
Water deeply, but less often. Helpful Hint: Watering each station the following schedule (will give your lawn 12 minutes of watering time a week (3 minutes, 2 times a day, 2 days a week).	

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	
Avoid planting in containers. <i>Plants in pots are especially vulnerable to drying out in hot weather because their roots are confined to a small area-and require more water than those planted in the ground.</i>	Mow lawns 2-½" to 3" high in summer. <i>Taller grass blades promote deeper roots and shade the soil, resulting in less water evaporating from the soil and leaving your lawn healthier and greener.</i>
Aerate your lawn periodically. <i>Holes every 6 inches will allow water to reach the roots, rather than run off the surface.</i>	Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed. <i>While fertilizers promote plant growth, they also increase water consumption.</i>
Don't overfill the pool. <i>Lower water levels will reduce water loss due to splashing.</i>	Use a broom to clean sidewalks and patios. <i>Will save up to 80 gallons of water each time.</i>
Plant drought tolerant or low-water need plants. <i>Choose plants that will adapt to Kingsburg's climate, soil type and sun exposure.</i>	Apply a 2-3 inch layer of mulch to your landscape. <i>This will reduce water evaporation up to 70%, especially in the summer.</i>

OTHER WAYS TO CONSERVE WATER	
Shut off water when shaving and brushing teeth.	Run dishwashers and washing machines with only full loads.
Use a WaterSense labeled showerhead. <i>They're inexpensive and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.</i>	If your toilet was installed before 1992, purchase a WaterSense labeled toilet. <i>This will reduce the amount of water needed for each flush. Helpful Hint: Check the flapper in toilet – if it leaks continuously, your water use can exceed 100,000 gallons per month.</i>
Scrape dishes rather than rinsing them before washing.	Visit a car wash with a water recycling system rather than washing at home.

Websites for water conservation: www.savewater.org, www.waterboards.ca.gov, www.calwater.com/conservation, www.wateruseitwisely.com

Outdoor watering reduction tips website: www.conserveh2o.org

Use this QR code for quick access to the City's webpage.

