



Water Waste Definition

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WATER WASTE -"Water Waste" shall mean the indiscriminate, unreasonable, or excessive running or dissipation of water. Water Waste shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

1. Waste caused by correctable leaks, breaks or malfunctions. This loss of Potable water may be cited as Water Waste after a reasonable period of time has passed in which the leak or malfunction could have been corrected. Exceptions may be granted by the General Manager for corrections, which are not feasible or practical.
2. Indiscriminate or excessive water use which allows excess to run to waste.
3. Use of Potable water for washing driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard surfaced areas, except in cases where health or safety are at risk and the surface is cleaned with a Water Broom or other water efficient device or method. Water should be used only when traditional brooms are not able to clean the surface in a satisfactory manner.
4. Use of Potable water for pressure/power washing buildings and structures, except when preparing surfaces for paint or other necessary treatments.
5. Hand watering without quick acting Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzles.
6. Irrigation between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any day, and irrigation on any day other than Saturdays and Wednesdays, except for irrigation overseen by a professional gardener or landscaper who is available on Site and that is not exceeding a maximum two watering days per week, or that is water efficient non-sprinkler irrigation managed by an operational Smart Controller.
7. Failure to arrange for a Landscape Water Audit within 60 days of notification of a requirement to obtain an audit.
8. Failure to complete a Landscape Water Audit within 60 days of a significant modification to an audited Landscape.
9. Failure to maintain water use within a mandatory Landscape Water Budget.
10. Use of water for more than minimal Landscaping, as defined in the Landscaping regulations of the Jurisdiction or as described in Article 10.8 of the California Government Code.
11. Operation of fountains, ponds, lakes or other ornamental use of Potable water without recycling.
12. Draining and refilling of swimming pools or spas except (a) to prevent or correct structural damage or to comply with public health regulations, or (b) upon prior approval of the General Manager.

13. Individual private washing of cars with a hose except with the use of a Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle.
14. Use of water for washing commercial aircraft, cars, buses, boats, trailers or other commercial vehicles at any time, except at commercial or fleet vehicle or boat washing facilities operated at a fixed location where equipment-using water is properly maintained to avoid wasteful use.
15. Operation of a commercial full service car wash without recycling at least 50 percent of the Potable water used per cycle.
16. Charity car washes.
17. Use of Potable water for street cleaning.
18. Failure to meet MPWMD Regulation XIV retrofit requirements for an existing business after having been given a reasonable amount of time to comply.
19. Serving drinking water to any customer unless expressly requested, by a restaurant, hotel, café, cafeteria or other public place where food is sold, served or offered for sale.
20. Washing of livestock with a hose except with the use of a Positive Action Shut- Off Nozzle.
21. Transportation of water from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System without prior written authorization from the MPWMD.
22. Unreasonable or excessive use of Potable water for dust control or earth compaction without prior written approval of the General Manager where non-Potable water or other alternatives are available or satisfactory.
23. Use of unmetered fire hydrant water by individuals other than for fire suppression or utility system maintenance purposes, except upon prior approval of the General Manager.
24. Misrepresentation of the number of Persons permanently residing on a property where water is supplied by a Water Distribution System or by a private Well.
25. Water use in excess of a Water Ration.