

POLICY

AMWC prohibits the wasteful uses of water listed below to promote the wise & beneficial use and long-term conservation of water by its shareholders. Urban water purveyors are required to make these prohibitions permanent under the Make Conservation a Way of Life initiative established under Senate Bill 606 and Assembly Bill 1668 in 2018. Assembly Bill 1572 which specifically addresses nonfunctional turf was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on January 1, 2025.

- A. *Irrigation and Plumbing leaks:* The escape of water through breaks or leaks within the water user's plumbing or distribution system for any substantial period of time within which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected. It shall be presumed that a period of 24 hours after the water user discovers such leak or break, whichever occurs first, is a reasonable time within which to correct such leak or break.
- B. *Runoff from landscaped surfaces:* The application of potable water to outdoor spaces, including agricultural irrigation, in a manner or to an extent which allows incidental runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, or hardscapes (private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures).
- C. *Outdoor Watering Hours:* Overhead watering of grass, lawns, groundcover, shrubbery, open ground, crops, and trees, including agricultural irrigation, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Overhead watering is any method of irrigation in which water is sprayed under pressure through the air to the ground surface, including but not limited to the use of devices such as sprinklers.
- D. *Irrigation After Rain Event:* The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
- E. *Washing of hard-surfaced areas:* Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, except under the following conditions: 1) to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, and then only by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing water shut-off device; or 2) when a low-volume, high-pressure cleaning machine or a low-volume high-pressure water broom is used.
- F. *Washing of Vehicles:* Using 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.
- G. *Decorative Water Features:* The use of potable water in an ornamental fountain or decorative water feature, except where water is part of a recirculating system.
- H. *Irrigation of Nonfunctional Turf:* The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited as of the following dates:
 - (1) All properties owned by the Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.
 - (2) All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water

systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), beginning January 1, 2027.

(3) All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.

(4) All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.

(5) All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community, beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on these properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the use of potable water is not prohibited by this section to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial nonturf plantings, or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need

- I. *New Construction Irrigation*: Irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes and buildings that is not delivered by drip or micro-spray systems.

In the event any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or political entity is found by the Board of Directors to be in violation of any prohibition under this policy, the Board of Directors may impose a special water waste surcharge against such person's account and may temporarily or permanently discontinue or restrict, with a flow regulating device, water service to the affected property.

Before taking such action, the Board of Directors shall give any such person thirty (30) days written notice and an opportunity to be heard and protest against the finding of such violation and the imposition of such measures.

The Board may determine the terms and conditions of the discontinuance or restriction of service and may, in its sole discretion, establish the amount of such surcharges as will reasonably compensate AMWC and its customers for all loss of water and other damages incurred.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that AMWC shareholders are aware of the need to use AMWC's limited water resources wisely and efficiently. This policy is intended to conform with the requirement that urban water purveyors make these prohibitions permanent under the Governor's Executive Order No. B-17-16 and subsequent regulations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. AMWC is committed to the responsible management of potable water and promoting the goals of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), by managing local water supplies, and by decreasing the unnecessary pumping of groundwater resources for use in wasteful applications.