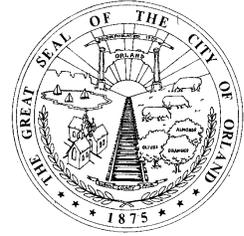


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## **ORLAND TAKES WATER CONSERVATION ACTION**

Responding to the State’s requirement to reduce consumption 25%, as well as to local conditions and resources, the city council of Orland this week enacted several measures to curb water use.

Some measures are following State guidance, others are unique to Orland.

Declaring a Stage 2 alert according to its own Water Conservation and Shortage Contingency Plan, the City set in motion restrictions and limitations intended for June thru November of this year.

In addition to beginning the process of adopting an ordinance to regulate the wasting of water, immediate but temporary measures include:

- Lawn irrigation is limited to no more than three (3) days per week, and limited to the hours of 8pm to 8am on those days.
- Lawn irrigation is prohibited during and within 48 hrs of rain.
- No permits to drill new private wells are to be approved.

Immediate and permanent measures include:

- Use of water for washing hardscapes (like concrete) is prohibited, except for health & safety.
- Use of water for washing vehicles without an automated shut-off nozzle is prohibited.

The schedule for landscape irrigation in Orland is:

All properties north of SR32:                      Sundays, Wednesday and Fridays

All properties south of SR32:                      Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

No lawn irrigation allowed Mondays, and all other days 8:00am-8:00pm

These measures are effective immediately. The ordinance will become effective upon final adoption which is set for June 1.

City staff will be designated to monitor compliance, respond to reports from neighbors, and follow up on wasting of water. Warnings, if unheeded, may be followed by fines and discontinuance of services.

In a separate action, the city council directed staff to prepare for a public hearing in August to consider raising water and sewer rates. A small portion of the rate adjustment is temporary to offset reduced revenues from reduced consumption; most of the rate changes proposed are a reflection of the cost of repairing and improving the City's aging infrastructure.

As part of its public education outreach, Orland city officials and employees hosted a booth at the Glenn County Fair. Visitors were presented with information about water conservation and protection of the sewer system.

Orland is also using print media, social media, and notices mailed to customers to help ensure the new measures are well publicized and understood.

Outreach efforts in the past year in Orland resulted in a 15% reduction in water consumption from 2013 to 2014. Officials expressed confidence that the additional efforts this year will get the City to its goal.

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