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CALIFORNIA EXECUTIVE ORDER ON WATER CONSERVATION

On March 28th of this year, the governor signed Executive Order N-7-22, in an attempt to mitigate the effects of the ongoing drought.

While the executive order does not constitute a ‘mandate’, it contains numerous directives that could change water use going forward, for businesses, individuals, water suppliers, and agriculture.

As we’ve noted previously, Oildale Mutual relies on water from multiple sources and has carefully prepared to weather this unprecedented water shortage, we nevertheless continue to remind customers that responsible water conservation is extremely important for our region.

Please prepare for your summer watering plans and carefully gauge the amount of water truly needed for outdoor use in particular. Bermuda lawns are incredibly resilient and we



should all aim for no run-off in establishing the proper watering amount.

“Our state is in a continuing state of drought and Oildale Mutual is doing our part to use water wisely.”

“It is critical that our customers continue to engage in water conservation, as we basically live in a desert,” stated Lonny Boller, Oildale Mutual’s Board president. “Our state is in a continuing

state of drought and Oildale Mutual is doing our part to use water wisely.”

Oildale Mutual is grateful to have incredibly conscientious shareholders. Thank you for your continued assistance in making conservation a way of life, preserving our most precious natural resource.

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SUMMER WATERING TIPS

Our friends at Save Our Water just published a great guide for summer preparedness.

Summer will be here before you know it — will your landscape be ready for California’s ongoing drought? By putting effort into your landscaping projects in early spring, you’ll help your trees, plants, and flowers survive a hot, dry summer.

We all need to do our part to conserve water and use it as efficiently as possible—and make this our way of life. Here are some tips and tricks to help you successfully maintain a beautiful, water-wise yard all year long!

PREPPING YOUR GARDEN FOR A DROUGHT

Believe it or not, you can help your yard thrive in the drought that we’re immersed in by following a few basic practices:

1. Begin training your garden in the spring by watering deeply and as infrequently as possible.
2. Install a drip system to save water.
3. Plant California native drought-tolerant plants to save 30 to 60 gallons for 1,000 square feet each time you water. They are beautiful and require little to no water.
4. Use mulch to help the soil retain more moisture.

While you are adjusting your outdoor watering habits, it is important to remember to give special care to your trees. Trees help keep our neighborhoods beautiful and healthy and it takes decades to replace a tree that dies.

So it’s OK to use the appropriate amount of water to keep your trees healthy and alive during our current drought. To learn how to keep your trees growing and thriving throughout the drought, visit the re-leaf organization website at SAVEOURWATER.COM.



ADJUST WATERING SCHEDULE TO USE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED

California’s warm and dry summers require some water use to keep lawns healthy and trees alive. A healthy lawn will only need water twice a week in the warmer and drier months.

Trees and shrubs require watering less frequently but for longer run times. Because of this, shrubs and trees should always be in separate zones from the turf within your irrigation system. It’s important to only use what you need: watering should be done in a way that maximizes absorption and minimizes runoff.





HERE ARE SOME MORE IRRIGATION TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND AS YOU ADJUST YOUR WATERING SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER:

1. Water early in the morning so that your grass and plants have a chance to absorb the moisture before it evaporates under the hot sun.
2. Avoid watering when it is windy.
3. Adjust your sprinklers. Install a smart controller to make automatic adjustments.
4. Summer can be a dry time, so make sure you water regularly.
5. Replace any sprinklers that create a fine mist, which will cause water to be lost to evaporation and overspray.
6. Regularly do a quick test run of your irrigation system during the day so you can check for leaks. A small leak can waste 12 to 15 gallons each time you water.



Stay in touch with [@SAVEOURWATER](#) on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for more pointers on keeping your landscape happy and healthy during the summer heat.



RECOMMENDED WATER CONSERVATION WATERING DAYS

MONDAY NO WATERING	TUESDAY Odd-Numbered Houses	WEDNESDAY Even-Numbered Houses	THURSDAY Odd-Numbered Houses
FRIDAY Even-Numbered Houses	SATURDAY Odd-Numbered Houses	SUNDAY Even-Numbered Houses	

■ Watering Days for Odd-Numbered Houses
 ■ Watering Days for Even-Numbered Houses

COMPANY CONSERVATION POLICIES

PROHIBITED

- Runoff into streets or alleys when irrigating landscape
- Using water to wash sidewalks & driveways
- Using water in decorative water features that does not recirculate the water
- Using outdoor irrigation during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation
- Using hoses with no shutoff nozzles to wash cars



OUR OFFICE LOBBY REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We will accept payments through our online portal or through our drive-up window. Due to limited staff, we are unable to take payments over the phone.

TO PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM

PLEASE NOTE, there are currently no third party sites that are authorized to collect payments for Oildale Mutual Water Company. Please ensure you are using only the website listed above.



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THE BEST WAY TO AVOID INSECURE THIRD-PARTY SITES?

SET UP AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS VIA ACH!

ACH PAYMENT PROCESSING FAQ

WHAT IS ACH (OR AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE) PAYMENT PROCESSING?

Your water bill is automatically paid each month by a deduction from your checking account until you cancel your enrollment in the program.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF USING ACH PAYMENTS?

There is no charge to Oildale Mutual Water Company customers for the program. Customers save time by avoiding fuel or postage costs and they will never experience late charges – the bill will always be paid on time.

For additional Frequently Asked Questions and to sign up, visit our website:

WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM/PAY-YOUR-BILL/

and you will see “ACH Payment Processing Application”.



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