



PRESS RELEASE

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CITY OF FORTUNA DECLARES A STAGE TWO WATER EMERGENCY

On Monday, September 15th the Fortuna City Council declared a Stage 2 water emergency. This declaration is in compliance with the state water code and follows the procedure outlined in the City's newly adopted Water Shortage Contingency Plan. A copy of the plan can be accessed at <http://friendlyfortuna.com/index.aspx?NID=608>

By passing a resolution declaring a stage 2 emergency the City defines the following prohibitions effective immediately:

1. The use of a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, except where the hose is fitted with a shutoff nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use.
2. The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a re-circulating system.
3. Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or other exterior paved areas except by public agency for the purpose of public safety.
4. Use of any hose without a quick acting shutoff nozzle.
5. Unattended* automatic watering of any lawn, garden, landscaped area, tree, shrub or other plant except between the hours of 12:00 AM and 6:00 AM.
6. The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.

*Any form of supervised watering is allowed at any time but must cease when such watering causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.

Failure to comply with these prohibitions may result in fines up to \$500 per occurrence.

If you have any questions or wish to report acts of non-compliance please call the Public Works Hotline at 707-725-1426

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