

News Release



**Foothill Municipal Water District
4536 Hampton Road
La Cañada Flintridge, CA
(818) 790-4036**

Contact: Nina Jazmadarian
General Manager

February 25, 2009

WATER CONSERVATION ALERT SIGNS

Foothill Municipal Water District along with local water agencies has recoded its water conservation alert system. This system is represented with signs of various colors as a means of communicating different levels of supply within the District. The color coding is as follows:

- Blue – Voluntary Conservation Alert. Foothill can meet all Member Agency demands. Voluntary water conservation applies.
- Green – Increased Voluntary Conservation Alert. Some supplies have been impacted and consumers should increase efforts to conserve
- Yellow – Extraordinary Conservation Alert. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (where about 60% of our supplies come from) is pulling water from most of its storage programs to meet demands. Extraordinary conservation is called for from consumers.
- Orange – Allocation Conservation Alert. Water Allocation has been implemented.
- Red – Critical Conservation Alert. Water supplies are only available for health and safety needs.

Currently Foothill's Board has adopted the Extraordinary Conservation Alert or yellow.

What you can do to conserve:

How much you can save:

Water only before 8 a.m. to reduce evaporation

25 gallons per day

Install a smart sprinkler

40 gallons per day

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways
and sidewalks

150 gallons each time

Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray
and broken sprinkler heads

500 gallons a month

Install pool covers and limit use of misting devices

Hundreds of gallons a year

Use organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation

Hundreds of gallons a year

For these and other tips, please refer to www.bewaterwise.com. Additionally, incentives for water-efficient appliances and fixtures are offered through the website.

###