VOLUNTARY DROUGHT ACTIONS

All County Residents

- Reduce lawn to only functional areas
- Follow the district's seasonal watering guide
    - Use the cycle and soak method for irrigating lawn
    - Water trees, plants and shrubs with drip irrigation
    - Hand water dry spots
- Turn off the irrigation system when it rains
- Adjust sprinklers to only water the lawn
- Use a broom to clean the patio and driveway instead of the hose
- Use a shut-off nozzle on the hose
- Cover swimming pools
- Take a shower instead of a bath. Reduce showers by two minutes
- Raise your lawn mower to a cutting height of 3 inches for cool-season grass
- Repair leaks
- Scrape dirty dishes instead of rinsing them before putting them in the dishwasher; only wash a full load
- Don't use the toilet as a waste bin
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for cold drinking water
- Participate in the district's rebate programs

Municipal

- Enforce time-of-day watering and landscape ordinances
    - Confirm that all city properties are in compliance with these ordinances
- Share information with your constituents via newsletters, social media, billing inserts, events, etc. about efficient irrigation practices
    - Follow the district's seasonal watering guide
    - Use the cycle & soak method when irrigating lawn
- Conduct an internal audit on all city facilities to:
    - Reduce water use 10% by July 1, 2021
    - Evaluate non-functional lawn areas that can be converted to water-efficient landscapes; cease watering the lawn immediately and make plans to install a new, water-smart landscape in the fall/winter of 2021
    - Publicize efforts and water savings
- Limit water features in new development
- Prohibit lawn in commercial and residential park strips
- Consider lawn limits at golf courses and/or water budgets
- Prohibit lawn in new commercial properties unless it's essential to operations
- Post signage at facilities irrigated with secondary or reclaimed water
- Extend Certificate of Occupancy landscape installation requirements on developments completed in the summer to allow for a fall planting when less water is required to sustain new vegetation
- Require commercial car wash facilities to recycle water onsite or send it to a water treatment facility where it can be treated and reused

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