



City of  
**Los Banos**  
Public Works Department

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**LOS BANOS CONTINUES RESTRICTING IRRIGATION  
SCHEDULES TO TWICE A WEEK TO MEET STATE'S  
25% WATER CONSERVATION MANDATE**

**LOS BANOS, CA** – On April 1, 2015, the State of California Governor, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., signed Executive Order B-29-15 which set a mandated statewide 25% reduction in potable urban water usage through February 28, 2016.

This action addresses the severe impacts on California's water supplies and its ability to meet all water demands in the State due to the current drought.

The City's current Urgency Ordinance which was adopted on August 6, 2014, is still being enforced. This Ordinance limits landscape irrigation to twice a week.

Properties with even numbered addresses are restricted to outdoor irrigation on Sundays and Wednesdays, while properties with odd numbered addresses are restricted to outdoor irrigation on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Irrigation of lawns and landscaping is prohibited between the hours of 11:00am and 7:00pm on any day of the week. Watering would not be allowed on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. This schedule is year round.

Calendar year 2013 & 2014 were the driest years in recorded history for many areas of California and water conservation is more important than ever.

"The State of California and the City of Los Banos are faced with a water crisis which has only become more critical", said Mayor Michael Villalta. "Everyone needs to work together to meet the State's mandated 25% water use reduction. Every citizen and community group must do their part in meeting the mandate."

The Executive Order makes the 25% mandate a requirement for Cities, Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Properties.

“Last year’s efforts to reach the 20% water conservation goal for the City of Los Banos fell short of the target,” said Los Banos Public Works Director Mark Fachin. “The previous measures which included using water saving shut off nozzles, using a broom to clean concrete surfaces, fixing leaks and drips promptly, restricting indoor water use still need to be practiced by everyone. The new 25% mandate will require that the enforcement of water wasting will be increased and fines will be given in an effort to meet the mandate.”

In response to the new State mandate, the City of Los Banos parks are now on a twice a week water schedule, with no watering between the hours of 11:00am and 7:00pm.

If citizens need assistance in setting their sprinkler timers or if they would like a water audit done on their service, please contact the Public Works Department at 827-7056 to set up an appointment. These services are done free of charge.

Conservation measures are listed on the City’s website [www.losbanos.org](http://www.losbanos.org), as well as the States ‘Save our Water’ website [www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com).

Additional information is available at the Public Works Department.