

What can I do at home to help with the drought?

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- ◆ Install a 3" mulch layer in planter beds and around trees.
- ◆ Set mower deck higher so grass grows longer during the summer months.
- ◆ Aerate more frequently.
- ◆ Repair leaky faucets.
- ◆ Contact your water supplier about doing a water audit.
- ◆ Visit your water supplier website for water conservation information.



Sacramento County Water Agency:
www.waterresources.saccounty.net/scwa
(916) 875-7246 (875-RAIN)

Elk Grove Water District:
www.egwd.org
(916) 685-3556

Regional Water Authority:
www.bewatersmart.com

DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Visit the CSD website www.yourcsd.com to learn more, follow the CSD on Facebook and/



With 18,000 valves and 180,000 sprinklers, irrigation problems will occur.

Please help the CSD detect problems early by reporting them!!

Call or email the Parks Maintenance Hotline

916-405-5688

hotline@csdparks.com

The phone hotline is monitored 24/7.

Cosumnes Community Services District

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Drought Conditions



**CSD PARKS HOTLINE:
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**HOTLINE EMAIL:
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The Big Picture

The Parks Maintenance Division of the Cosumnes CSD oversees 93 parks, over 890 acres of irrigated landscaping, miles of trails and streetscapes, and 46,000 trees. Our work requires the use of water! The CSD maintains 18,000 remote controlled

Our precious resource.



irrigation valves and over 180,000 individual sprinklers.

To maintain the landscaping

and be mindful of the current drought takes diligence. The CSD uses a computerized irrigation control system to program and monitor landscape water use. The Irrigation Team's goal is to maximize water coverage efficiency and to look for other ways to save water wherever and whenever possible.

The CSD Irrigation team also relies on the help of landscape contractors AND the public to report water related issues.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. **What can I do to help the CSD?** If you see a broken sprinkler or a water leak on CSD landscaping, please call our hotline at 916-405-5688. Our hotline is monitored 24 hours a day.
2. **Why are sprinklers running in the parks during the day?** For the most part, sprinklers should not be running during the day, unless the Irrigation Team is performing their bi-weekly irrigation check. If you don't see one of our CSD Irrigation Team members, please call our hotline at 916-405-5688 to report.
3. **I live in the Laguna West, Lakeside or Stonelake areas, why do the parks look so much greener?** Landscaping in the Laguna West, Lakeside and Stonelake areas are watered with reclaimed water. Reclaimed water is waste water that is treated and redistributed for use in the landscape. Reclaimed water is exempt from drought rules.

4. **Why are spray parks still operational?** Only spray parks with recirculating water are currently allowed to operate. These are located at Derr-Okamoto and Morse Parks (water suppliers could mandate all spray



park closures due to worsening drought conditions). The water in recirculating spray parks drains into an underground tank. Water is then treated and reused. The treatment process meets the same guidelines as a public swimming pool and is regulated by the County Health Department.

5. **How is the CSD saving water during the drought?** The CSD has cut water usage to comply with state mandated reductions. We will use **32%** less water in areas supplied by the Sacramento County Water Agency and **28%** less water in areas supplied by the Elk Grove Water District. With help from the computerized irrigation control system, our Irrigation Team monitors weekly water usage, performs regular routine irrigation checks to visually inspect for broken sprinklers, water lines, water coverage and water runoff, and makes the appropriate repairs and adjustments.
6. **Why do I see flooding or water in the gutter?** CSD manages 18,000 valves and 180,000 sprinklers—there will be problems. These could be caused by vandalism, insects, weather conditions, and more. We need your help when problems occur. Please call our hotline at 916-405-5688, to report CSD landscape watering problems.
7. **What can I do at home to help with the drought?**
 - ◆ Do a complete sprinkler check to look for water run off, crooked and broken sprinklers around your home. Correct problems.
 - ◆ Program your irrigation controller to utilize cycle and soak features.
 - ◆ Convert spray nozzles to a drip system in planter areas.
 - ◆ Water after the sun goes down.
 - ◆ Convert turf to drought tolerant plant material.