



**** NEW Lakewood Watering Schedule ****

June 17, 2015

Dear Lakewood Residential Water Customer:

Because of the ongoing drought, the state government has imposed new requirements on local communities to further reduce water use. Each community has been given a specific target for conservation based on its per capita use of water. Lakewood must reduce its community water use by 20% from 2013 levels. If communities don't reach their targets, the state will impose even tougher water rules--or levy fines on the community.

To help our community reach our target, the City of Lakewood has approved new rules that reduce and – for the first time in decades – specifically identify the days each week that Lakewood water customers can water their yards. If we each follow these new rules, we should be able to reach our community goals.

- The watering of lawns and landscaping will now be limited to **two times a week** during the months of June through September. The length of time to water is limited to ten minutes for each area if you move a sprinkler around or for each zone if you have an automatic sprinkler system.
- **The two specific days of watering will be your trash day and then three days later.** For example, if your trash day is Monday, you can water on Mondays and Thursdays. See the attached map.
- **Watering is limited to before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.**
- **Watering is prohibited during or within 48 hours of rainfall.**

Lakewood

During the cooler months of October through May, watering will be limited to once a week on your trash day for ten minutes for each area either before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.

Exceptions to the watering schedule and time limits include:

- 1) watering with water-wise "rotor sprinklers" that meet a 70% efficiency standard;
- 2) watering with drip irrigation emitters producing no more than two gallons per hour;
- 3) hand watering of lawns or landscaping when done with a shut-off nozzle or water bucket.

Unchanged from last year's rules, water **cannot** run off to sidewalks, gutters or other hardscape. Lakewood will start with a friendly reminder if an initial violation is spotted. For a first formal violation, there will be a written warning from the city with no penalty. A second violation will bring a citation of \$100, with further citations bringing fines up to \$500 and the potential for flow restrictors being installed at the residence.

The portion of Lakewood that is east of the San Gabriel River is served by the Golden State Water Company, which also has a two-day-a-week watering schedule. Golden State uses a different two-day schedule because its service area crosses multiple city boundaries.

I have seen our community go through droughts before, but this is by far the most serious. Lakewood has great community spirit. **If we each do our part to reach our conservation goal, we will be successful.** In the process, please be courteous toward your neighbor so we get through this in a positive way befitting our community.

With questions about the water rules, or for tips on reducing water use, keeping trees healthy during the drought, and getting rebates for water-wise irrigation and landscaping, please contact Lakewood city staff at 562-866-9771, extension 2140 or at service1@lakewoodcity.org or **www.lakewoodcity.org/water**.

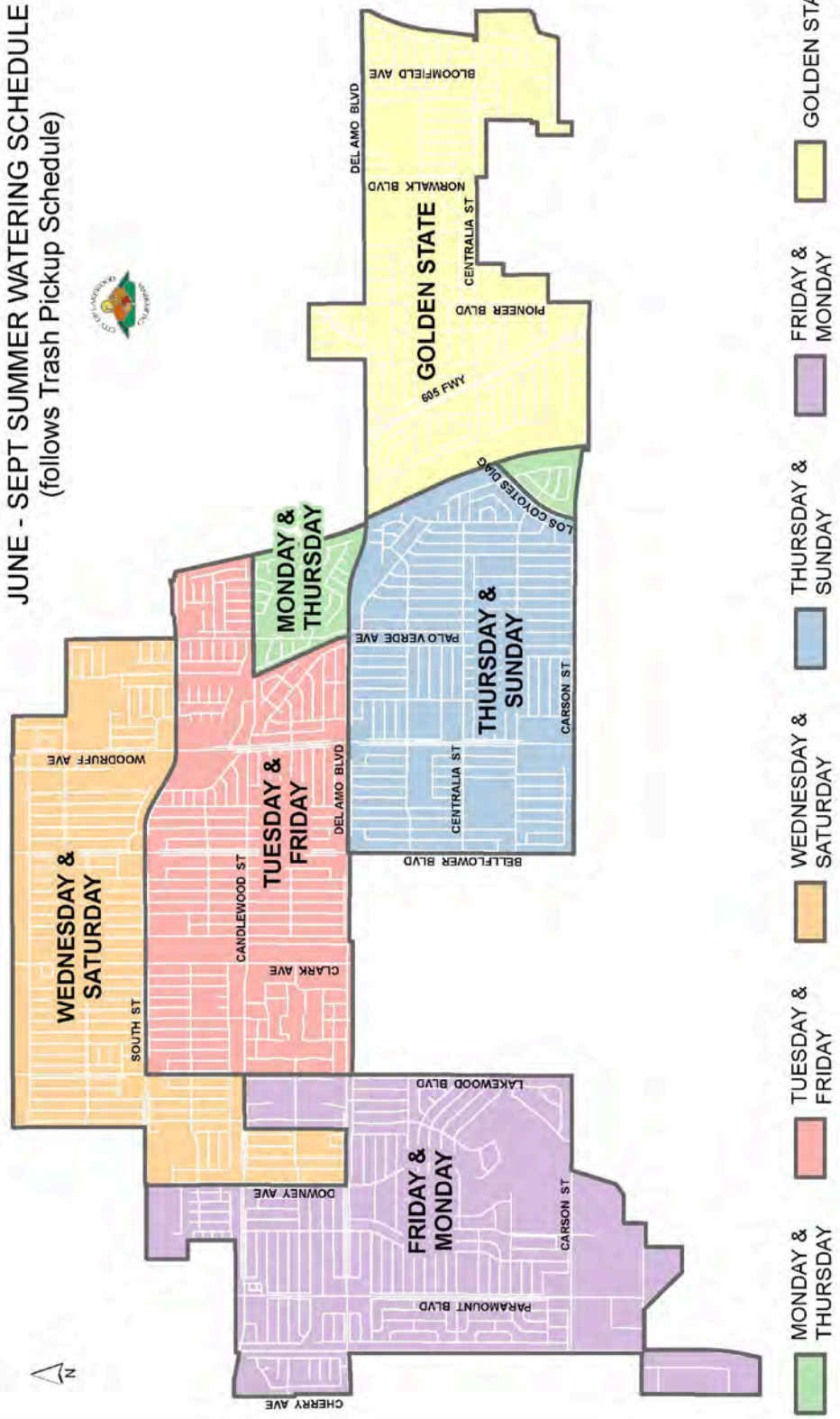
Lakewood's water rules are available in Spanish, Tagalog and other languages through a translation feature at the website above. Para informacion en espanol, llame Alma Varela a 562-866-9771, extension 2103. Para sa karagdagang impormasyon, tawagan si Leon de los Reyes sa numero (562) 866-9771, extension 2700.

Sincerely,

James B. Glancy
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City of Lakewood

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JUNE - SEPT SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE
(follows Trash Pickup Schedule)



*Golden State Watering Days:
Addresses ending in Even Numbers is Sunday & Wednesday
Addresses ending in Odd Numbers is Tuesday & Saturday