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Lakewood Watering Schedule & Water-Saving Tips

June 2015

June ☐ September watering schedule	If your trash day is:	You can water again on:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice per week (on trash day and 3 days later) • Before 8:00 a.m. OR after 8:00 p.m. • 10 minutes per area of yard • See inside pamphlet for October to May schedule. 	Monday	→ Thursday
	Tuesday	→ Friday
	Wednesday	→ Saturday
	Thursday	→ Sunday
	Friday	→ Monday

You can water any day or time and without time limits IF you use the following water-wise methods:

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

* In the portion of Lakewood east of the San Gabriel River, water service is provided by the Golden State Water Company, which has its own two-day-a-week schedule and rebate programs. For details, go to: gswater.com or call 800-999-4033.



For more tips on reducing water use, visit www.lakewoodcity.org/water.



INDOOR WATER USE
The average Lakewood resident uses 80 gallons of water per day. Here are some easy ways to save 20%, or 16 gallons a day.

WHAT DOES A 20% REDUCTION in water use look like?



TURN OFF WATER WHEN BRUSHING TEETH OR SHAVING
saves
10 GALLONS
per person/day

TAKE FIVE MINUTE SHOWERS INSTEAD OF 10 MINUTE SHOWERS
saves
12.5 GALLONS
with a water-efficient showerhead

RUN DISHWASHER WHEN FULL INSTEAD OF HALF FULL
saves
5-15 GALLONS
per load

FIX LEAKY TOILETS
saves
30-50 GALLONS
per day/toilet

WASH ONLY FULL LOADS
saves
15-45 GALLONS
per load

FILL THE BATHTUB HALFWAY OR LESS
saves
12 GALLONS
per person

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OUTDOOR WATER USE
The average Lakewood resident uses 80 gallons of water per day and up to 70% of their water outdoors. Here are some easy outdoor tips to reduce water use. Find the right combination for you to reduce by 20% or 16 gallons a day.

WHAT DOES A 20% REDUCTION in water use look like?



USE A BROOM TO CLEAN OUTDOOR AREAS
saves
8-18 GALLONS
per minute

ADJUST SPRINKLER TO WATER PLANTS, NOT DRIVEWAY
saves
12-15 GALLONS
each time you water

INSTALL A “SMART” CONTROLLER
saves
24+ GALLONS
per day

USE MULCH ON SOIL SURFACE
saves
20-30 GALLONS
per 1,000 sq. ft. each time

WATER PLANTS EARLY IN THE AM
saves
25 GALLONS
each time you water

INSTALL DRIP IRRIGATION
saves
15 GALLONS
each time you water

Because of the drought, there are new requirements on local communities to reduce water use. If each of us in Lakewood follow these new rules, we should be able to reach our community goal of a 20% reduction.



Other key aspects of Lakewood’s water rules:

- Water cannot run off to sidewalks, gutters or hardscape.
- Lakewood will start with a friendly reminder for an initial violation. 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.

October to May Watering Schedule

- During these cooler, autumn to spring months, watering will be limited to once a week on your trash day for 10 minutes for each area of your yard before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m.

With Questions, Please Contact:

- Lakewood city staff at 562-866-9771, extension 2140 or
- service1@lakewoodcity.org or
- www.lakewoodcity.org/water.

LAKEWOOD WATER WISE REBATES

Save \$2,900 With Water Rebates

- Lakewood residential water customers can get up to \$1,300 in rebates from the City of Lakewood for irrigation devices and turf removal/landscaping combined with over \$1,600 in rebates from the Metropolitan Water District.
- Start small with irrigation devices...or go big by removing turf and installing water-wise landscaping.
- Your lower water use means permanently reduced water bills too. Plus, having water-wise irrigation devices (such as rotor sprinkler heads and drip irrigation systems) exempts you from the restrictions on the amount of time and days that yards can be watered.

Irrigation Device Rebates

- Earn rebates of over \$100 for items like modern water-saving rotor sprinkler heads, hose end timers and drip irrigation kits.

Turf Removal and Landscaping Rebates

- Lakewood will pay you \$1 a square foot and the Metropolitan Water District will pay you an additional \$2 a square foot to remove some or all of your turf and install water-wise landscaping and surfaces.



- Rebates cover a maximum of 800 square feet. Lakewood’s rebate is a credit on future water bills.
- Projects must be approved BEFORE a yard makeover begins.

Sub-Surface Irrigation Rebates

- This is a highly efficient irrigation system, with no loss of water to evaporation or wind. Lakewood water customers can get rebates of \$0.50 a square foot for project areas up to 800 square feet. (Before you start the work, be sure to complete the application and get qualified for the rebate.)

Sample Plans for Water-Wise Landscaping

- You can see photos and sample plans of beautiful water-wise yards in the Lakewood area at: www.lakewoodcity.org/waterwiseplans.

Details and Applications for Water Rebates:

- www.lakewoodcity.org/waterrebates
- 562-866-9771, extension 2140