Permanent Water Use Efficiency Measures

The following water efficient measures are mandatory and in effect at all times. These measures apply to all persons using Padre Dam water. Additional restriction may apply if the District is in a drought condition.

1. Stop washing down paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or patios, except when it is necessary to alleviate safety or sanitation hazards.

2. Stop water waste resulting from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, low head drainage, or overspray, etc. Similarly, stop water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures. Irrigation runoff is prohibited.

3. Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10 am and after 6 pm only.

4. Do not irrigate while it is raining and within 48 hours after it rains.

5. Use a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle or bucket to water landscaped areas, including trees and shrubs located on residential and commercial properties that are not irrigated by a landscape irrigation system.

6. Irrigate nursery and commercial grower’s products before 10 am and after 6 pm only. Watering is permitted at any time with a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shut-off nozzle, a bucket, or when a drip/micro-irrigation system/equipment is used. Irrigation of nursery propagation beds is permitted at any time. Watering of livestock is permitted at any time.

7. Use re-circulated or recycled water to operate ornamental fountains, ponds and similar decorative water features.

8. Wash vehicles using a bucket and a hand-held hose with positive shut-off nozzle, mobile high pressure/low volume wash system, or at a commercial site that re-circulates (reclaims) water on-site. Boats and boat engines may be washed down immediately after use using a bucket or hand-held hose with positive shutoff nozzle. Runoff is prohibited.

9. Serve and refill water in restaurants and all other food service establishments only upon request.

10. Offer guests in hotels, motels, and other commercial lodging establishments the option of not laundering towels and linens daily and prominently display notice of this option in every guestroom.

11. Repair all water leaks within five days of notification by Padre Dam unless other arrangements are made with the CEO/General Manager. Severe water leaks must be stopped immediately.

12. Use recycled or non-potable water for construction purposes, such as dust control and soil compaction, when available and required by Padre Dam.