

New Mandatory Watering Restrictions for Non-Residential Properties are Now in Effect

On June 10, 2022, a new statewide emergency water conservation regulation went into effect banning the use of potable (drinkable) water on decorative or non-functional grass at commercial, industrial, and institutional properties.

Examples of Non-functional Turf



Non-functional turf is a ground cover surface of mowed grass that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation and/or supports trees.

Examples of Functional Turf



Functional turf includes school fields, sports fields, and areas used for civic or community events.

Frequently Asked Questions

What properties are considered commercial, institutional, or industrial?

Properties that fall under this classification include but are not limited to: offices, retail stores, hotels, places of worship, schools, non-profit organizations, and properties owned and maintained by HOA's.

Are there any exemptions to the non-functional turf irrigation ban?

This ban does not apply to residential lawns, lawns irrigated by recycled water, or any turf that is regularly used for human recreational purposes. This regulation also does not ban the irrigation of trees or other non-turf plantings.

Where can I learn more?

More information on the emergency regulation can be found on the Board's [Water Conservation Emergency Regulations webpage](#).

How long will this emergency regulation be in effect?

The emergency regulation will remain in effect for one year, unless the State Water Board modifies it, readopts it, or ends it before then.

What other water restrictions are in place?

For the most up to date water restrictions and current water conservation measures, visit PleasantonWaterConservation.com.

What can I do now?

Droughts are common in California. The City of Pleasanton encourages its customers to consider replacing any non-functional turf with low-water landscaping. Not only will this improve your property's appearance, but it will permanently lower your property's overall water use! Water customers with dedicated irrigation meters can receive up to \$10,000 for converting their turf to low-water landscaping.

Have questions? Contact us at 925-931-5525 or Waterconservation@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

