

FACT SHEET
Fountains & Pressure Washing

“Modified Phase III”
Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2017-014

Fountains ... and other primarily aesthetic water features may be operated 8 hours a day

- The time of day is set by each property (please post a sign with the selected hours)
- There are several important exemptions from the 8-hour limit:
 - Aeration of a stormwater system, if necessary for water quality
 - Small features (catchment area of 100 gallons or less)
 - Aeration for pet fish, such as in a koi pond
 - Water circulation system for a swimming pool
 - If the only source of water is: reclaimed water, seawater, brackish water, air conditioning condensate or other byproducts of an allowable activity

Pressure Washing ... and other cleaning of buildings, structures, sidewalks and other surfaces

- Annual Pressure Washing for aesthetic purposes is allowed.
- Pressure Washing in preparation for painting, sealing or other necessary maintenance and as a construction practice is allowed.
- Pressure Washing of driveways, sidewalks and other impervious surfaces is allowed for necessary maintenance (such as to either maintain a warranty or remove mold, mildew and other potentially hazardous material) and as a construction practice (such as cleaning a concrete surface prior to painting or sealing).
- Compliance with homeowner association or other aesthetic standards does not constitute necessary maintenance.
- Washing or cleaning streets in preparation of, or immediately after, a parade or other public event is allowed.
- Washing or other water-based cleaning of streets or other impervious surfaces, other than that described above, shall be prohibited, except to meet federal, state, or local health or safety standards. These standards specifically allow for required dust control.

This fact sheet is a summary and interpretation of portions of Exhibit “E” from the Second Modification to Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2017-014.

If you have any questions about how these or any water shortage restrictions apply to your situation, please e-mail Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org or call 1-800-848-0499 during normal business hours.