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DATE: May 16, 2022
CONTACT: Justin Black, Utilities Manager
FOR: IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SUBJECT: REMINDER - TEMPLETON'S WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

The Templeton Community Services District would like to commend its residents for their help in water conservation over the years and ask for continued efforts in water conservation along with spreading the word that every drop counts when it comes to safeguarding our community's water supply.

Unfortunately, the State of California has reported record drought conditions following a dry winter leading to the designation of a category D3 (Extreme Drought) for our area. We would like to thank everyone for their efforts and encourage residents to achieve greater levels of conservation. This drought is a difficult time for all of us, but if everyone does their part and spreads the word about conserving water, our community will be better off for it.

Please read further for a reminder of the on-going conservation requirements and for a list of water-saving tips.

On-Going Conservation Requirements:

1. Landscape Irrigation Watering Schedules: Irrigation of residential and commercial landscapes, including golf courses, parks, school grounds and recreation fields, shall not occur between 10 AM and 6 PM, except for renovation or repair of the irrigation system with an operator present, and except for bubbler and drip irrigation.
2. No Excessive Water Flow or Runoff: Watering or irrigating of any lawn, landscape or other vegetated area in a manner that causes or allows excessive water flow or runoff onto an adjoining sidewalk, driveway, street, alley, gutter, or ditch is prohibited.
3. No Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces: Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited except under the following conditions:
 - a. To alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, and then only by use of a hand-held bucket or hand-held hose equipped with a self-closing water shut-off device.
 - b. When recycled or re-purposed water is used.

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- c. When a low-volume, high-pressure cleaning machine or a low-volume high-pressure water broom is used.
4. Limits on Washing Vehicles: Using water to wash or clean a vehicle, including but not limited to any automobile, truck, van, bus, motorcycle, boat or trailer is prohibited. Exceptions include use of a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a self-closing water shut-off nozzle. This does not apply to any commercial car washing facility.

And, here are a few in-home water saving tips:

- Test your toilet for leaks. Put a couple drops of food dye in the tank, or pick up free toilet tank tablets from the TCSD Office.
- Check faucets and showerheads for leaks. One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two, or set a five-minute timer.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth, shaving, or soaping up.
- Run washers and dishwashers with full loads only.
- Keep a bowl in the sink to capture extra water while dishes are being washed, and use it to water plants.
- Consider installing low-flow showerheads and faucets, and/or installing efficient water-saving dishwashers, washing machines, and toilets.

Additional tips and information on water conservation may be found at www.saveourh2o.org and www.wateruseitwisely.com. Current California drought conditions can be found at <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>. Please direct any questions to the Templeton CSD Office at (805) 434-4900. Visit our website, www.templetoncsd.org, for more information.

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