



City of Vacaville



Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Customers



On May 24, 2022, the State adopted emergency water conservation regulations requiring all cities to implement Stage 2 or higher of their adopted Urban Water Shortage Contingency Plan. In addition, the regulations prohibit the use of potable water for the irrigation of non-functional turf at Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) sites. In response to the regulation, the City Council adopted Resolution 2022-044, which went into effect on June 10, 2022.

Based on the information that the State has made available, the City is providing the below frequently asked questions and responses to help you comply with the non-functional turf restriction.

Non-Functional Turf Prohibition FAQs

1. Who does the restriction apply to and why am I receiving this information?

The state's emergency regulation and California Water Code defines CII as commercial, industrial, and institutional water users. This includes common interest developments, and community service organizations.

Commercial



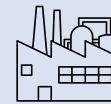
Hotels/Motels
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Retail Stores

Institutional



Churches
City Offices
Hospitals
Schools

Industrial



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2. Does the prohibition apply to HOAs?

Yes, but the regulation only applies to non-functional turf on property that the HOA owns, not residences. An individual homeowner's property is considered residential, whereas property owned and maintained by an HOA is considered commercial. However, the prohibition does not apply to turf that is regularly used for recreation and community activities.



3. What is Non-Functional Turf?



The State's emergency regulation defines "Non-Functional Turf" as turf that is solely ornamental and not used for any designated purpose. Examples include:

- Turf located along public and private streets and roadways
- Median strips, parking lots, and sidewalks
- Turf in front of, behind, between, or otherwise adjacent to buildings or facilities on a non-residential property

4. What is potable water?



Potable water is water that is suitable for consumption. The prohibition applies to City of Vacaville customers who receive potable water through the City's water distribution system. The State's emergency regulation prohibits the use of potable water to irrigate non-functional turf at CII sites.

5. Are there exemptions to the non-functional turf irrigation prohibition?

Yes. The prohibition does not apply to residential lawns, sports or school fields, and turf that is regularly used for recreational purposes or for civic or community events. Special use areas such as cemeteries or dog parks are also exempt. Lastly, turf that is irrigated by non-potable water from wells, recycled water, or raw water is not subject to the regulation.

The State encourages irrigation of trees and non-turf plants. Turf that contains or is adjacent to trees and/or non-turf plants irrigated from the same meter is exempt.

Finally, turf is exempt if the customer demonstrates to the City that:

- The turf species has a plant factor of 0.3 or less
- The turf is irrigated in a way that uses low levels of water (i.e., less than 40% of reference evapotranspiration)

6. How will the prohibition be enforced?

The City of Vacaville may choose to enforce as an infraction, including issuance of compliance orders, fines or penalties, any documented or repeat violations of this regulation.

7. How can I apply for an exemption from the regulation?

You can call (707) 469-6400 to request a site assessment.

8. How can I get more information on turf replacement and efficient irrigation?



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