



# Seal Rock Water District Issues a Stage No. 2 Water Curtailment Advisory



**On July 21, 2021, Gov. Brown declared a drought emergency in Lincoln County, water curtailment is needed.**

**Why issue a Stage 2 Advisory?** Low streamflow is currently forecasted to continue in the Siletz River, a water source relied upon by the community of Seal Rock. In addition to impacting drinking water supplies, low streamflow can have significant impacts on farm, forest, recreation, and natural resources sectors.

**What does this mean for our water supply?** Currently, the Siletz River is flowing at a critical low level of 100 Cubic Feet Per Second (CFS) due to drought conditions. As such, subject to the district's Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) the district is now issuing a Stage 2 water curtailment notice to alert the community regarding conditions that affect our county.

**What will happen if the drought continues?** If drought conditions continue to worsen, we will need to implement additional water curtailment measures. We will be monitoring our water supply and we will keep you informed about the status of our water supply throughout the summer.

**Conservation will help our water supply go further.** Water conservation is important every summer, but even more so during a drought. During the dry season, water use spikes because of landscape irrigation and the influx of visitors. In some areas, summer water use is more than twice the amount used in winter! That is why we are encouraging everyone to do their part to conserve water. The more we can conserve, the better our chances of avoiding the need for further water curtailment actions.

**How you can help:** Everyone in our community has a role to play in conserving our water resources – from residents and businesses to visitors. Here are some ways you can help:

- Minimize outdoor irrigation. If irrigation is necessary, please do so during the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am.
- Refrain from washing cars (except at commercial establishments that recycle or reuse water in the cleaning process), equipment, and impervious surfaces, such as pavement.
- Refrain from filling pools and ponds.
- Avoid nonessential uses of water for such activities as recreation, remodeling, construction, and cleaning, unless absolutely necessary for public health or safety.

For more information regarding water conservation, please visit the district's website at [www.srwd.org](http://www.srwd.org).

Additional ways to conserve water in and around your home include:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing.
- Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled appliances for significant water savings.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas.
- Check your faucets, toilets, and irrigation systems for leaks.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. And sign up for the My Water Usage Customer Portal.
- Water your lawn and garden in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.

*Please sign up for the My Water Usage Customer Portal.*

*View your water use & set up alerts to be notified for high or abnormal water usage.*

- Monitor your water usage by creating an account through our customer portal at <https://bit.ly/mywaterusage> or go to our website [www.srwd.org](http://www.srwd.org) and click on the Be In The Know Monitor Your H2O My Water Usage Customer Portal logo.

To sign up all you need is your account number and your service address exactly as it appears on your paper bill or on your Xpress Bill Pay account.

Please note that the My Water Usage Customer Portal is different from Xpress Bill Pay. You cannot access the portal through Xpress Bill Pay.

- If you already have a My Water Usage Customer Portal account make sure you have a daily usage alert set up. This will help you as a customer conserve water & also help catch leaks.
- Want to check and see how much water you're using when you are irrigating and how often? Check your daily usage down to the hour. Irrigation systems can be set up incorrectly or get stuck in the on position.

*Please contact us if you need help signing up or setting up Alerts and we will be happy to assist you.*

*Also, visit our website [www.srwd.org](http://www.srwd.org) for tutorials on how to sign up and how to use the portal.*

Join us in preserving & protecting our environment.