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Stage-2 Community Water Curtailment Notice

Recently the governor issued an Executive Order determination of a State of Drought Emergency in Lincoln County due to low streamflow and hot, dry conditions affecting the source water where Newport, Toledo and the Seal Rock Communities receive our water, the Siletz River.

Forecast water conditions on the Siletz River are not expected to improve, and drought is likely to have significant impacts on farm, forest, recreation, drinking water, and natural resources sectors, which are dependent on adequate precipitation and streamflow in Lincoln County.

Conditions are being monitored by the state's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, along with the regions water providers.

Preparation and timely response to drought conditions are vital to the health and safety of our community.

Seal Rock Water District, City of Newport and the City of Toledo are asking customers to voluntarily restrict outdoor irrigation. If irrigation is necessary, please do so during the hours of 10:00pm and 8:00am. Refrain from washing cars except at commercial establishments that recycle or reuse water in the cleaning process. Agencies are discouraging all nonessential uses of water including recreation, remodeling, reconstruction, and cleaning uses, unless absolutely necessary for public health or safety.

We appreciate the support and cooperation of the community as we respond to emergency conditions. Reducing the amount of water we remove from coastal streams, many of which are already impaired as a result of drought conditions, translates to better stream health and a more sustainable water supply for the future.

There are a number of ways to conserve water, and they all start with you. Some effective ways to conserve water in and around your home are included below:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- 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 they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes and isolated strips.
- 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 and save gallons every time.
- Plant in the fall when conditions are cooler, and rainfall is more plentiful.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.

When you save water, you save money on your utility bills too. Saving water is easy for everyone to do.

To learn more about water conservation, please visit <https://wateruseitwisely.com>

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