




# New Watering Schedule Coming in June!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	EVEN	ODD			EVEN	ODD

- **EVEN**— Addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, & 8 can water on Tuesday & Saturday
- **ODD**— Addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9 can water on Wednesday & Sunday
- Watering hours are before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- No watering on Monday, Thursday, or Friday

**Remember to turn off the outdoor watering when it rains**

## Calendario de los Dias de Riego

Direcciones con numeros impares (1, 3, 7, 5, & 9)  
 Solo Riegan en Miercoles & Domingo  
 Direcciones con numeros pares (0, 2, 4, 6, & 8)  
 Solo Riegan en Martes & Sabado  
 Cuando es tu dia para regar, riega antes de las 9 am o despues de la 9 pm.

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### Water Wise Tips for Indoor Water Savings:

- Turn off the water while shaving or brushing teeth
- Fill the tub only 1/2 way
- Limit your showers to 5 minutes
- Only wash a **full** load of laundry or dishes
- Switch to a low-flow shower head
- Make sure your faucets have aerators
- Replace your old toilet with an energy efficient 1.6 gallon per flush toilet

### For Outdoor Water Savings:

- Follow the watering schedule above
- Do not water the sidewalks & gutters; only water your landscaping
- If you have run-off in the gutter, you are watering too long
- Use a broom to clean up your driveway or sidewalk, don't wash it
- Watering in the early mornings is best for lawn & plants
- Consider low water loving plants





Preparing to Reduce  
By Leah Brown

The best way to lose weight is to go on a diet, whether it be low calorie, low fat, less food, more exercise, you have to have a plan to cut back. Water conservation can be likened to going on a diet. We need water for so many essential things and we enjoy water for so many other things. We need water to drink, to prepare food, to grow food, and grow the animals that we use as food; and for a myriad of other processes. Water is part of our life as recreation, entertainment and pleasure.

As we approach the typical hot Merced summer, we have to incorporate new habits related to water, in effect a water diet. Where can we cut back and how much can we reduce? Just like planning to diet and making healthy eating a habit, we have to make healthy water use a habit. The City of Merced and the Governor are asking us to reduce our outdoor watering to just two days per week. Because the typical household uses about 70% of their daily water outdoors, reducing to two days of watering is an excellent way to cut back on water use. How can we make this happen?

Preparation is the key, take a look at your timer and learn how to use it. Most are fairly simple and come with instructions. If you can't find the instructions or never had them provided don't worry, you can contact the manufacturer for assistance. Most irrigation controllers have an on-line set of instructions and many include a video explaining how to program them. You can also ask a lawn or irrigation professional for help. Your gardener is a great source for help with an older controller. And if you turn on the sprinklers by hand, you will only have to make this happen two days per week instead of three.

The Master Gardeners recommend a "cycle & soak" approach to lawn watering. For example, turn the sprinklers on for 10 minutes, then let it soak in (maybe 30 minutes), then turn it on for another 10 minutes, then let it soak in. It's better than a full 20 minutes straight, which more than likely will result in water running off the lawn and into the gutter. Water run-off occurs when the water has been on too long and the ground is saturated.

\*\* Bring this flyer into the Public Works office for a FREE water savings device.  
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