

Emergency Drought Regulations extended through October 2016. The same rules still apply.

Hermosa Beach's Water Saving Rules

Use	Requirement (*New)
Lawn and Landscape Watering Hours and Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAXIMUM 2 DAYS PER WEEK* • Water only between 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 a.m., 15 minutes per station • Drip systems and hand-held hose with automatic shut-off nozzle not subject to above restrictions • Water shall not run off the property at any time • No Irrigating outdoors during and within 48 hours following measureable rainfall
Pools and Spas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pools and spas must have covers • Cover overnight and when not in use
Leaks, Waste, Excess Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No leaks, waste, overwatering, overspray, runoff or watering during rainfall • Water shall not run off the property at any time
Cleaning Surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WATER SHALL NOT BE USED TO CLEAN SIDEWALKS, WALKWAYS, PATIOS, DRIVEWAYS, ALLEYS, PARKING OR SIMILAR AREAS, WHETHER PAVED OR UNPAVED.* • Businesses may use water-efficient water broom, pressure washer, water recycling system to comply with gov't regulations
Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have re-circulating water
Washing Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only using bucket or handheld hose with automatic shut-off nozzle
All Commercial Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No single pass cooling systems • Must use install low flow toilets
Eating & Drinking Establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve water by request only • Use only water brooms, buckets, low flow methods • Pre-rinse nozzles must be water efficient • All dishwashers must be water efficient
Commercial Lodging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs advising of choice to opt-out of daily linen service
Commercial Laundries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All washers must be water efficient or water recycling
Commercial Car Wash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See code

*Water-efficient - complies with water conservation standards of California Plumbing Code or is EPA WaterSense labeled www.epa.gov/watersense or equivalent, or if none apply then:

- Spray irrigation systems: min. 70% efficiency standard
- Drip irrigation systems: max. 2 gallons per hour
- Water broom or pressure washer: max. 3 gallons per minute
- Pre-rinse dishwashing nozzles: max. 1.6 gallons per minute
- Dishwashing systems: max. water factor 6.0 (gal. per cycle/ tub vol.)

Reduce Water Use by 20% (30 gallons per day) We are in a drought.

- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes – save up to 50 gallons/week
- Fix leaks promptly- save up to 20 gal/week
- Take 5 minutes showers—save up to 8 gal/time
- Turn off water when brushing teeth- 2.5 gal/time
- Buy water saving devise- save many gallons
- Water lawns 1-2 days/week – save up to 840 gal/week
- Water in morning and mulch- 100s gal/year
- Check sprinklers for leaks and overspray – up to 500 gal/month
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveway- save up to 150 gal/time

Find Hermosa Beach's water conservation rules at: www.hermosabch.org – Municipal Code, Sections 8.56.070, 8.56.100(B)(2) and 8.56.090(B)(1) are in effect. The rules stated here are generalized.

CalWater rules may be more restrictive:

Currently no filling of swimming pools or decorative ponds is allowed.

<https://www.calwater.com/conservation/drought-update/>

More use and landscaping tips:

www.BeWaterWise.com

Turf removal, conservation kits and rebates:

www.calwater.com

www.SoCalWaterSmart.com

To report violations call the City at

(310) 318-0242

For questions call the City at (310) 750-3603



You can help. Under Hermosa Beach Municipal Code 8.56 violations can lead to fines, prosecution and other penalties and possibly state or federal penalties assessed against the City and violator.