



# Conservation Corner

May 2022

At its [adjourned meeting on April 18](#), the La Verne City Council discussed California's severe drought and its impacts on La Verne. After three consecutive dry years, California continues to implement protocols to conserve water and maximize water efficiency, which also affects the water services delivered by [Metropolitan Water District \(MWD\)](#). To comply with these statewide and regional mandates, the City Council unanimously adopted [Phase V](#) of the City Municipal Code to reduce the City's water usage by 20% relative to 2020 usage.

Through [Three Valleys Municipal Water District](#), the MWD water agency that serves La Verne, the City sources roughly 75% of its water from the State Water Project, and the remaining 25% is drawn from local groundwater sources. With less water coming from the State Water Project, La Verne residents will need to reduce their water usage and implement conservation measures.

In accordance with the resolution approved on April 18, the water conservation requirements are now in effect. The City created a [checklist](#) for residents to properly navigate this water reduction and enhance water efficiency. As 70% of water consumption is outdoors, residents are encouraged to:

- Reduce landscape irrigation.
- Seek rebate opportunities to replace turf and inefficient fixtures.
- Fix leaks in plumbing and irrigation systems.
- Only use washing machines and dishwashers with full loads.
- Prevent runoff onto non-irrigated areas, such as walkways, roadways and parking lots.

To meet the new requirements set forth by MWD on April 26, an urgency ordinance will be brought to City Council on May 16, restricting outdoor irrigation to once a week. As the year progresses, the State or MWD may impose additional restrictions that La Verne will need to adhere to. For more information on the current drought and its impact on La Verne, water efficiency programs and rebates available for residents and businesses, visit the [City's website](#).

