

Truckee Donner Public Utility District Drought Workshop Questions & Answers

2016 workshop questions and answers.

What is the baseline for the 25% reduction target?

The baseline is 2013 water use. Usage compared to the target is evaluated both monthly and cumulatively for the season.

What is the definition of non-residential?

“Non-residential” is any TDPUD potable commercial water account.

Is common area in an HOA considered non-residential?

Yes, if the water service is associated with a commercial account.

When was the drip irrigation exemption implemented?

During the summer of 2015 an exemption was established that allows container plants, trees, shrubs, ground cover and vegetables to be watered as needed when using automatic drip irrigation or hand watering.

Is TDPUD coordinating irrigation restrictions with other regional water districts?

TDPUD is coordinating with other Truckee/Tahoe water agencies to standardize restrictions when possible. However, each water agency has an individual conservation target established by the SWRCB. Additionally, each agency has unique water system operations. As a result having coordinated irrigation restrictions across agencies is difficult given these constraints.

Are the new drought regulations finalized?

Yes, the extended regulations issued by the SWRCB took effect March 1, 2016 and are slated to run through October 2016. The drought topic is included on the TDPUD Board agenda for the April 6, 2016 meeting and action taken by the Board will be communicated to customers shortly thereafter.

Below are questions and answers from the 2015 workshop.

Do we offer any programs for wastewater?

Please contact the Town of Truckee. The wastewater systems must be permitted by the town.

Is water available for driveway sealing?

Yes, a form must be completed at the customer service counter. The fee is \$10 per day.

Is the district fined if we do not meet the 25% reduction requirement and if we are fined is it passed onto consumers?

We are subject to a \$10,000 fine if we do not comply. Yes, if we are fined it will most likely effect the rates.

Are non-potable wells restricted?

No, the Governor has no legal mechanism to regulate private wells. At this time the State is only able to regulate urban water suppliers.

Is it possible to purchase construction water to irrigate more than 2 days per week?

No. Construction water is not available for landscape irrigation use.

Are there any regulations on specific days of the week a customer can water?

Yes. Residential customers can water Tuesdays & Friday's. *Note for 2016: Irrigation days for commercial customers will be announced in April 2016.*

Are golf courses required to comply?

Only golf courses using potable water are required to comply. The regulations are only applicable to potable water served by urban water suppliers. All golf courses are required to follow the prohibitions against waste.

Are there any rebates in place for customers to update sprinklers?

No, not at this time. This may be considered at a later date.

What rain sensor will we be providing?

Hunter Rain Klik (wired)

What is the threshold for the amount of connections to be considered an Urban Water Supplier?

3000 connections. Urban water suppliers can be public or private.

Customer FAQs

Are there time limits for the 2-Day restriction on outdoor irrigation?

The two day restriction is limited to Tuesdays and Fridays for residential customers only from midnight to midnight. There are no time restrictions on watering during those hours.

When do the 2-day restrictions on outdoor irrigation take place?

The TDPUDs conservation target took effect on March 1, 2016. The TDPUD Board is scheduled to take action on April 6, 2016 and the TDPUD staff will communicate on-going and new restrictions as soon as possible.

I do not have a controller capable of selecting Tuesday and Friday as the watering days? What can I do to comply with the irrigation restrictions that went into effect June 1, 2015?

There are a number of irrigation controllers (timers) that allow scheduling by the day of the week.

When purchasing an irrigation controller select a controller that, at a minimum:

- allows program scheduling by the day of the week (M, Tu, W, Th, Fr, Sa, Su) **OR**
- includes 2 or more program options (set zone time for 3-day interval on one program and 4-day interval on another program)

To be most efficient with your irrigation select a controller that is US EPA WaterSense labeled. These controllers will tailor your water schedules to actual conditions of the site.

Visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/products/controltech.html> or look for the WaterSense label on product packaging.

Does the 2-day per week irrigation restriction apply to drip systems or hand watering?

Container plants, trees, shrubs, groundcover and vegetable gardens may be watered as needed when using automatic drip irrigation or hand watering.