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Residents Urged to Conserve

The St. Helena City Council voted at their Tuesday, January 14th meeting to approve a resolution entering into a cautionary Water Shortage Emergency Phase I. Public Works staff completed a water analysis to determine whether current water conditions warranted an establishment of formal water restrictions. The water analysis supported that the current situation is not dire, however, it would be prudent to enter into Phase I as St. Helena is facing potential Phase II triggers.

Establishing Phase I Water Emergency Regulations is intended to raise the public’s awareness of dry conditions and to prepare for worsening conditions. Under Phase I, residents are asked to follow the mandatory conservation measures below:

1. All customers must be in compliance with all water use efficiency requirements of Section 13.12 ("[Water Use Efficiency and Use Guidelines](#)") of this municipal code. If a customer is found to be out of compliance with any part of Section 13.12 or provisions of these water shortage emergency requirements, the customer must immediately install the appropriate water-saving devices in their plumbing, appliances, or improvements or take other such actions to bring about full compliance.
2. All customers are prohibited from expanding or installing new water-using appliances,

plumbing or improvements, such as lawns, gardens, landscaping, pools, sprinkler irrigation systems, wash-down equipment, larger washing machines or garbage disposal units where the installation may result in an increase in water use. Replacement of existing appliances, plumbing, or improvements shall be allowed only if the change can be documented to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works to result in more efficient water using fixtures or systems.

3. Any new water connection for new development must offset new demand by an amount of water equal to the new demand on the city water system using the methodology defined in Section 13.12.050 of this municipal code. The offset must be clearly demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.
4. Customers are encouraged to wash cars and other vehicles only at a commercial wash facility which recycles wash water on site.
5. Customers may not wash hard surfaces such as sidewalks and patios unless conditions of public health hazard are documented.
6. Customers may install new landscaping in existing or new development that is water efficient within the meaning of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
7. Customers are encouraged to cease the operation of air-cooling outdoor misting systems using treated water supplied by the city.

To read the full Phase I Regulations click [here](#). The [notice](#) of establishing a water emergency was published in the St. Helena Star on Thursday, January 16th and became effective midnight Thursday, the day the newspaper was delivered.

For additional information regarding Phase I please contact Assistant Public Works Director Debra Hight at debrah@cityofstheleena.org.

Simple Ways to Save Water

SAVE WATER

50-75 gallons: Amount of water an average person uses in a day. Here's how to use less.

 <p>STOP LEAKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 192 gallons a month: wasted by a dripping faucet ■ 30-500 gallons a day: loss from leaking toilet ■ 970 gallons a day: potential loss from leaking pool plumbing 	 <p>UPGRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 12 gallons per load: used by old dishwasher ■ 6 gallons per load: new dishwasher ■ 3.6 gallons per flush: old toilet ■ 1.6 gallons per flush: new toilet ■ 41 gallons per load: top-loading clothes washer ■ 23 gallons per load: front-loading clothes washer 	 <p>CHANGE HABITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 3 gallons per day: saved if you turn off the tap while brushing your teeth ■ 5 gallons: saved by cutting a shower short by two minutes ■ 17 gallons: saved if shower is off except for getting wet and rinsing ■ 150 gallons: saved each time someone sweeps instead of hoses sidewalks and driveways ■ 40-80 gallons: used by washing car at home if the hose runs the whole time ■ 12 gallons: used for a self-service car wash ■ 45 gallons: commercial car wash 	 <p>PAY ATTENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 gallons a day: saved if landscaping irrigation is adjusted for weather 25 gallons a day: saved if watering is done before 8 a.m. 16 gallons a day: benefit of fixing broken sprinklers, adjusting spray to avoid waste, repairing leaks 33 percent: average water savings if lawn is replaced with drought-adapted plants
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Note: Savings are approximate, based on average consumers and households

SOURCES: CALIFORNIA URBAN WATER CONSERVATION COUNCIL; METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA; ARIZONA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES; INTERNATIONAL CARWASH ASSN.

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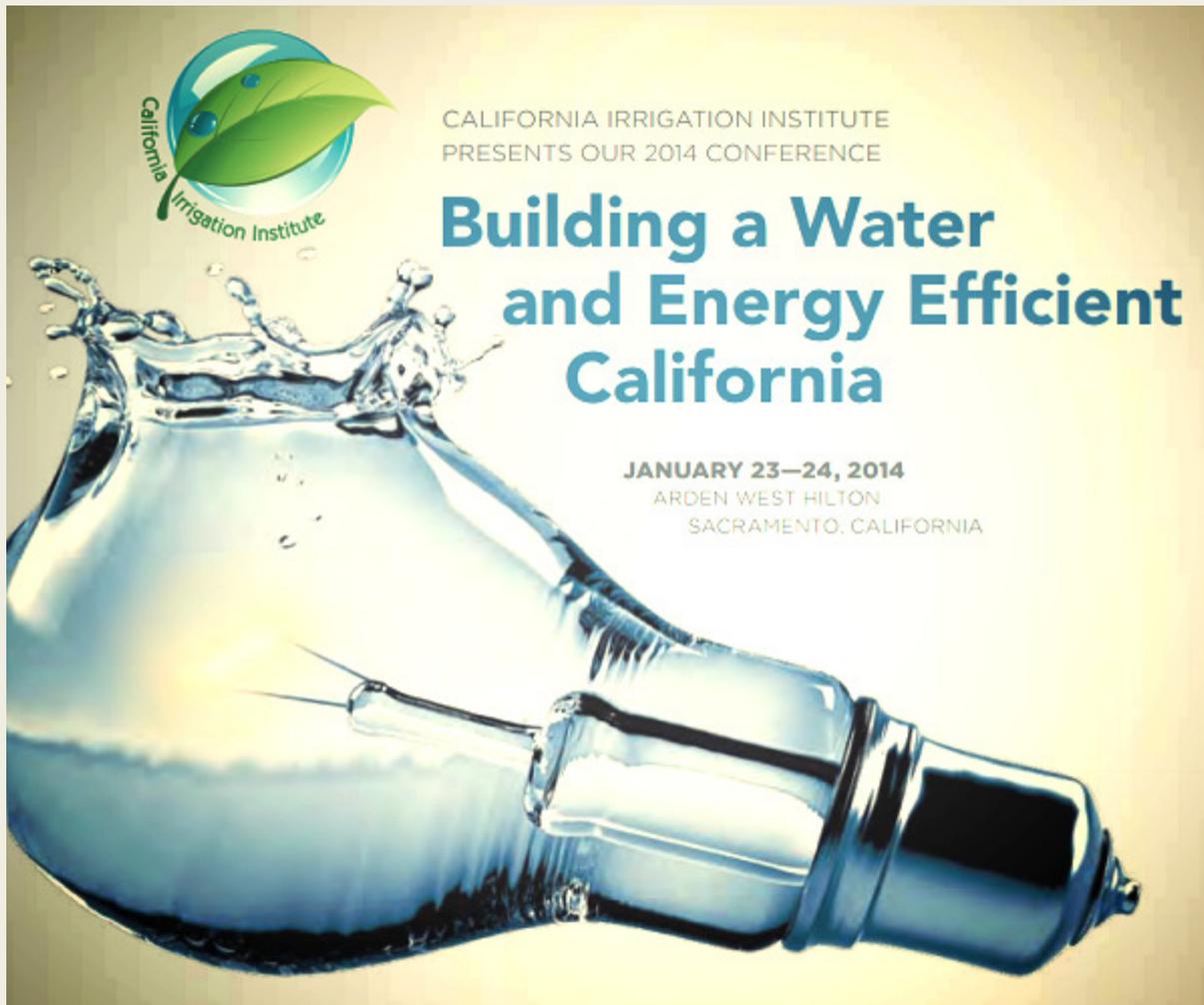
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There are many simple things you can do to save water, here are four simple water-efficiency tips to know:

- Just by turning off the tap while you brush your teeth in the morning and before bedtime, you can save up to 8 gallons of water! That adds up to more than 200 gallons a month, enough to fill a huge fish tank that holds 6 small sharks! The same is true when you wash dishes. Turn off the tap! Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash—then put them in the dishwasher.
- Taking a shower uses much less water than filling up a bathtub. A shower only uses 10 to 25 gallons, while a bath takes up to 70 gallons! If you do take a bath, be sure to plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub. To save even more water, keep your shower under five minutes long—try timing yourself with a clock next time you hop in!
- If your toilet has a leak, you could be wasting about 200 gallons of water every day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times for no reason! Try this experiment: placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak!
- The best time to water your yard is in the early morning or late evening when it's cool outside. Watering when it's hot and sunny is wasteful because most of the water evaporates before the plants have time to drink it. Also make sure not to water the plants *too* much—remember that a little sprinkle goes a long way!

For more information about Water Sense, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/>.

Building a Water and Energy Smart California - Conference



Date: Thursday, January 23rd 2014, all day

Location: Sacramento, CA

Description:

Join colleagues, speakers and exhibitors as we look to build a water and energy efficient California. Plan on attending the California Irrigation Institute's 52nd annual conference on January 23-24th, 2014.

For more information click [here](#) for a printable flyer.

City Seeks Volunteers for Water Advisory Board



Opportunity knocks for you to have a role in the City's Water Shortage Emergencies

In preparation for a potential Phase II water emergency declaration, the City Council is seeking members for a Water Advisory Board established for the purposes of granting permits for the use of water, exceptions to water conservation measures or for water connections otherwise prohibited, and for hearing appeals.

The Board will be comprised of one city council member, one planning commissioner, one winery customer, and two members of the public at large, one of whom shall be solely a residential customer. The Director of Public Works is an ex officio member of this board. Unless the city council otherwise directs, the board will disband when the water emergency is no longer in effect. The Water Advisory Board shall have access to all records in the possession of the City's Water Enterprise necessary in its judgment to perform its duties, including customer records. The Board shall maintain the confidentiality of individual customer

City of St. Helena *Event Calendar*

Upcoming Events

January 2014

Click [here](#) to access City Council Agendas

Martin Luther King Day Holiday

Monday, January 20th
City Hall Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, January 21st
6:00 PM

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, January 28th
6:00 PM

February 2014

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, February 4th
6:00 PM

records unless the Board determines by resolution that release of such information is necessary in the pursuit of its duties.

Interested parties are encouraged to fill out an application from the City's website www.cityofstheleena.org or click [here](#) to download the application. **The application deadline is open until filled.** The Council will make appointments at a meeting following declaration of a Phase II Water Emergency.

For more information, please contact City Clerk Delia Guijosa at cityclerk@cityofstheleena.org.

Celebrate St. Helena - 2013 Community Service Award Winners



TICKET PRICES

\$150 per person
through Dec 31, 2013

\$175 per person
through January 2014

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS

St. Helena
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ST. HELENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FOR A NIGHT ON THE
NAPA VALLEY
WINE TRAIN

TO HONOR THE
2013
COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARD WINNERS

2013 HONOREES

Citizen of the Year:
Cathy Buck, Cameo Cinema

Business of the Year:
Cindy Pawclyn Napa Valley

Employee of the Year:
Eddie Moore, Market Restaurant

Non-Profit of the Year:
St. Helena/Calistoga Boys & Girls Club

Civic Pride:
For the St. Helena Fireworks Show
– **Louis M. Martini Winery**
– **Trincherro Family Estates**
– **Prager Port Works**

[Click Here to View, Download or Print the Celebrate St Helena Invitation](#)

For more information, please visit St. Helena Chamber of Commerce at <http://www.sthelena.com/Locals/>.

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, February 11th
6:00 PM

President's Day Holiday
Monday, February 17th
City Hall Closed

Planning Commission Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, February 18th
6:00 PM

City Council Meeting
Vintage Hall Board Room
Tuesday, February 25th
6:00 PM

City Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, February 26th
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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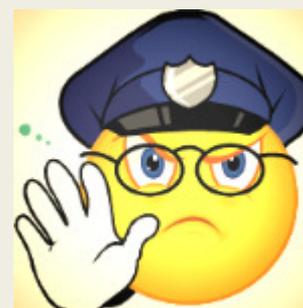
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Police Corner



Don't be stopped by our Police Department.

Activity of Note and Prevention

Week ending December 20th

- 1 Drunk Driving Arrest
- 1 Possession of Illegal Substance Arrest – Napa Resident
- 2 Possession of marijuana for Sales Arrests – Napa Residents- Citations for Driving without a License
- 13 Parking Citations Issued
- 17 Moving Citations Issued
- 1 Solicitation Cite Issued
- 1 Collision Report, non-injury
- 18 Additional Misc. Reports Written

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