

Jackson Water Restrictions:

The City of Jackson has adopted water use requirements to comply with State Department of Water Resources regulations:

- Outdoor irrigation is limited to **two days** per week.
- No one shall water lawns and gardens or conduct any other irrigation between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
- The use of potable water for outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes **runoff** such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures is **prohibited**.
- **Automatic shut off nozzles** or valves are required when washing vehicles.
- Washing sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots and tennis courts with water **is prohibited**.
- Irrigation is prohibited during the **48 hours** following measureable precipitation.
- Water features (such as fountains) must have **re-circulating water**.
- Restaurants and other eating or drinking establishments shall only serve water when requested.
- Hotel/motel patrons shall be given the option of not having their linens washed daily if staying more than one day. The hotel/motel shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.

Following these new requirements should help you meet the **25% conservation goal**. Information about your water use in 2013 (the base year) and 2014 is now printed on your bill. **QUESTIONS?** Call the City at 223-1646, between 8:30am—5:00pm for more info.

Need More Help?

The City of Jackson Water Department staff and field technicians are available to help you with questions concerning how to use this Home Water Audit, problems with leaks and how you can conserve our most precious resource — Water!

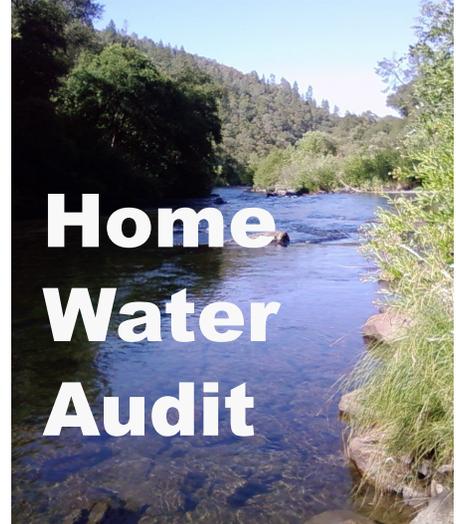
The City of Jackson customer service counter and phones are open from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday - Friday, 209-223-1646.

Check the City's website for info about how much water is being conserved!

<http://ci.jackson.ca.us>

Also, the Amador Water Agency has useful conservation information at:

<http://www.amadorwater.org>



The Mokelumne River, supplied by rain and snow in the High Sierras, is the main source of water for the City of Jackson.

Are you using water wisely at home?

**This Home Water Audit provides
"do-it-yourself" water saving advice
and includes details about
water use requirements in
the City of Jackson**

City of Jackson Water Dept.

33 Broadway, Jackson, CA 95642

209-223-1646

<http://ci.jackson.ca.us>

Check for Leaks

You can significantly reduce water use by simply repairing leaks or drips in faucets and showerheads or pipes. Repair leaks or faulty sprinklers within 5 days.

- **Outdoor leaks:** Don't forget to periodically check the outdoor hoses, sprinklers, and faucets for leaks. Also, remember to keep the sprinkler heads in good shape.
- **Toilets:** Put food coloring or dye tablet in your toilet tank and leave the toilet alone for at least a half hour. If dye from the tank appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak between the tank and the bowl. You may need to replace the washer between the tank and bowl, or call a plumber.
- **An unexplained jump in your monthly water bill** could mean you have a leak. If you need help locating a leak, contact the City Water Department at 223-1646.

Lawn & Garden Irrigation

- **Is watering set for 2 days per week after 7 pm and before 9 am** on your automatic watering system?
- **Check your watering system** after it has run part-way through the time cycle. Is there any run-off, street flooding or puddling? Avoid overwatering. Most of the year, lawns only need one inch of water per week, and a heavy rain eliminates the need for watering for up to two weeks.

IMPORTANT

During the current water emergency:

- Water lawns and gardens only 2 days per week, between the hours of 7 pm and 9 am.
- Any run-off or street flooding from outdoor irrigation is prohibited. No unattended watering except where automatic shut-off equipment is used.

- **Use a hose timer.** If your sprinklers are attached to a hose, use a hose timer (available at hardware and garden stores). You can set watering time, how often and how long, automatically. Never forget the hose is running again!
- **Use drip irrigation** for vegetable gardens, shrubs and trees to apply water directly to the roots where it's needed. If you decide to use a sprinkler, look for

models that produce droplets, not mist, and set them to water lawns and gardens only.

- **Do you have shutoff nozzles on your hoses?** Use shutoff nozzles when hand watering.
- **Install a rain sensor** on any automatic irrigation so your system won't run when it's raining.

Swimming Pools & Fountains

Do you have a swimming pool, hot tub, fountain or water feature, or a pond?

- **Install a water-saving pool filter.**
- **Cover pools and spas** to reduce evaporation.

IMPORTANT

During the current water emergency:

- Potable water used in decorative fountains must be recirculated.

Driveways Sidewalks & Patios

- Use broom or leaf blower to clean concrete surfaces.

Cars, Boats & Other Vehicles

- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water. When washing your own car, boat or other vehicle, use a shut-off nozzle that can be adjusted down to a fine spray on your hose, or use water from a bucket.

IMPORTANT

During the current water emergency:

- Washing sidewalks, driveways, patios, parking lots, and tennis courts with water is prohibited.
- An automatic shut-off nozzle or valve is required when washing cars and other vehicles.

Waterwise Landscaping

- **Can you reduce the amount of lawn in your yard?** Lawns often account for the largest portion of a home's water bill. Only use turf where it highlights the home and has a practical function, such as in play areas. Select a type of grass that can withstand drought periods and become dormant during hot, dry seasons. Consider native shrubs or groundcover for steep slopes, isolated strips, and shady areas, where it takes a lot of extra work to maintain grass.

■ Are you using mulch in your planted areas?

A layer of organic mulch around plants to reduces evaporation, retains moisture, reduces weed growth, and saves water, time and money.

- **Visit "Water-Wise Gardening in the Gold Country Region"** for a watering guide and practical tips on creating a beautiful garden with less water: www.rwa.watersavingplants.com

Indoor Water Use

■ Do you have low flow toilets in the home?

Older toilets, made before 1992, use up to 3.5 gallons per flush, and are responsible for much of the water wasted in American homes. Consider installing an EPA WaterSense® labeled toilet, with a maximum of 1.3 gallons per flush, and equal or superior performance.

■ Do you have low-flow showerheads and faucets?

Low flow fixtures, including faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads, are generally inexpensive to replace and are one of the most cost-effective water conservation measures, without sacrificing performance. EPA WaterSense®-labeled aerators, faucets, and showerheads are available at hardware and home improvement stores.

■ Check your dishwasher and washing machine

To save water and energy, wash only full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine; or set the water level for the size of your load, if possible, to use less water.

A traditional top loading **clothes washer** uses three times as much water as front loaders. To purchase a washer that uses less water, look for the blue ENERGYSTAR® label that indicates these washers use 30 percent less energy and 50 percent less water than other current models.

To save water and energy, consider a high-efficiency ENERGYSTAR® labeled model when purchasing a new **dishwasher**. Also, consider appliances that offer cycle and load-size adjustments, which are more water and energy efficient.