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CII CUSTOMERS STATE BAN ON IRRIGATION: HOW IT APPLIES TO YOU

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is committed to working with our Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) customers to help them achieve their corporate sustainability goals and reach compliance with statewide regulations on outdoor irrigation. EMWD offers a variety of customer-focused programs such as rebate opportunities, technical resources, and educational information to help your organization reduce its water footprint and do its part to help California stretch its water supply resources.

What are the State and Local Regulations?:

In the Spring of 2022, both the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and EMWD adopted regulations prohibiting the irrigation of non-functional turf using potable water. There are exceptions for areas that include trees and shrubs on the same irrigation station as the non-functional turf and for landscapes



irrigated with recycled water. Customers in violation may be subject to fines, though EMWD's priority is to work with customers to understand the requirements and achieve compliance.

What is the Difference Between Functional and Non-Functional Turf?: If turf provides an active recreational benefit, such as parks, schools, and other recreational facilities, it is functional. If it is simply ornamental, such as in landscape medians and in front of business centers, it is non-functional. Remember: If the only reason it is ever walked on is to mow it, it is non-functional.

Can't We Just Switch to Recycled Water?: EMWD is a national leader in recycled water and currently allocates 100 percent of its supply each year. We are also working to identify additional recycled water sites that are adjacent to existing infrastructure, but priority is given to functional areas or those with drought-tolerant landscaping. Many of our recycled water retrofit projects include requirements to remove non-functional turf.



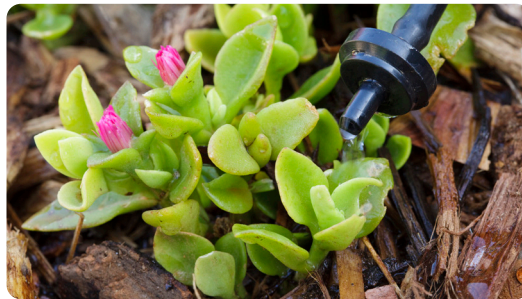
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What Resources Do You Provide?: EMWD offers a host of different rebate and technical assistance programs that can assist our CII customers in becoming compliant with state mandates and achieving long-term water use reductions. Those programs include:

- \$3 per square foot rebate to remove turf and replace it with drought-tolerant landscaping. Synthetic turf is not an approved option for this program.
- \$43 rebate per station to convert to a weather-based irrigation controller, which will automatically update irrigation times based on daily weather patterns.
- \$2 rebate per high efficiency or rotating spray nozzles for existing irrigation systems.
- \$43 rebate per irrigation controller station for a soil moisture sensor system.
- Rebates on in-stem flow regulators for existing pop-up sprinkler systems.
- Rebates of \$0.50 per square foot (limit 50,000 square feet) to convert existing tree and planter areas from overhead spray irrigation to drip irrigation.
- EMWD also provides landscape designs and surveys to assist our CII customers in converting turf to drought-tolerant landscaping.
- Some restrictions apply to each of the program offerings and EMWD's Conservation staff can provide additional information and program terms as requested.
- EMWD offers free online landscape contractor training programs.



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