#### Eastern Municipal Water District

### **Drought Status: Stage 4c**

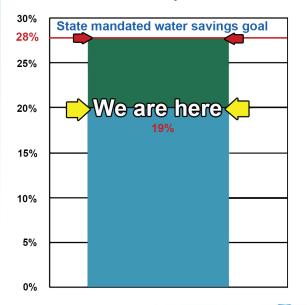
#### What does Stage 4c mean?

- All outdoor water budgets are reduced 70 percent from what they would be under non-drought conditions.
- All water used in excess of water budget will be charged at the highest "Wasteful" (Tier 4) water use rate.
- Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional customers are not allowed to water non-functional turf.

For more information, please visit www.emwd.org/drought or call EMWD's Drought Hotline at (951) 928-3777 ext. 4540

See reverse for EMWD's Permanent Water Use Efficiency Requirements

In order to avoid incurring penalties from the State of California for not meeting our Water Savings Target, EMWD's Board of Directors voted to move into Stage 4c of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan effective January 6, 2016.





Winter is no time to water. Shorter days with less intense sunlight mixed with colder nights and more moisture in the air means your landscape doesn't need very much water in the winter months. Plus, for every 1/4" of rain, you can stop watering outdoors for at least one week.

So let Mother Nature do the work for you this winter and turn off your outdoor watering system today! You'll save water – which may lower your water bill – and help us meet our water reduction target.

You can track your landscape's status during the challenge with a moisture meter! Visit www.emwd.org/moisturemeter for more information.



# EMWD's Permanent Water Use Efficiency Requirements

## The requirements listed below should be followed at all times to avoid penalties:

- 1. Do not hose down driveways and other hard surfaces, except for health or sanitary reasons.
- 2. Repair water leaks within 48 hours of occurrence.
- 3. Only irrigate landscapes between 9:00 pm and 6:00 am
- 4. Do not leave irrigation systems unattended, unless they are limited to 15 minutes or less watering per station, per day.
- 5. Excessive water flow or runoff is not allowed.
- 6. Turn off decorative fountains, unless they are equipped with a recycling system.
- 7. Do not allow water to run while washing vehicles. We strongly encourage you to use professional car washes that have recycling systems.
- 8. Install new landscaping with low-water demand trees and plants.
- 9. Do not water when it is raining, or within 48 hours of measurable rain.

EMWD will issue a warning letter for all reported violations.

Subsequent violations will result in fines which start at \$50 for residential customers and \$200 for commercial properties. EMWD's water wise resources can help.

Visit www.emwd.org/usewaterwisely for more information.