



## CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **City of Fort Bragg Declares Stage 1 Water Emergency**

The City of Fort Bragg receives all of its water supply from three surface sources – the Noyo River, Newman Reservoir, and Waterfall Gulch. Due to limited rainfall during the past two winters and a corresponding reduction in surface flows, the City's water sources are producing at or near historic lows for this time of year. Immediate conservation efforts by all users are necessary to reduce water usage and to ensure water availability for essential functions.

**As of September 9, 2009, the City Manager has declared a Stage 1 Water Emergency for the City of Fort Bragg.** At Stage 1, the conservation goal is to reduce water usage by 10%. Compliance with the Stage 1 water conservation requirements is mandatory.

During a Stage 1 Water Emergency, the following water uses are prohibited.

- Use of defective plumbing, sprinkler, watering or irrigation system that consumes or fails to use water in the ordinary manner.
- Watering of grass, lawns, groundcover, shrubbery, open ground, crops and trees in a manner that allows excess water to run off the area being watered and onto impermeable surfaces.
- Irrigation or watering of landscaping during daytime hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Washing sidewalks, driveways, walkways, parking lots and any other hard surface by direct hosing, except as may be necessary to dispose of flammable or other dangerous materials.
- Washing vehicles, except at commercial car washing establishments.
- Washing or cleaning of the exterior surfaces of any dwelling, garage, commercial or industrial building, or appurtenance thereto, including but not limited to, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, patios, parking lots, tennis courts, or similar or like hard-surface areas by directing water at or upon the surface. Painting contractors are exempt from this provision when use is in connection with their business activities during a Stage 1 Water Emergency.
- Service of water by restaurants or eating establishments unless requested by the patron.
- Cleaning, filling, or maintaining operating levels in decorative fountains or the like.
- Filling or refilling swimming pools except to replace water lost to evaporation.

- Using water in construction projects, unless authorized for specific uses by the City Manager.
- Using water from hydrants for construction purposes, fire drills, and/or contests.
- Constructing or installing new irrigation facilities, or extending, expanding or enlarging existing irrigation facilities, unless such new facilities are specifically designed to reduce water usage.

If the City's water supplies continue to drop and conservation efforts do not result in a sufficient reduction in water demands, the City will be required to initiate further conservation stages which are more restrictive and can lead to monetary penalties for violations.

NOTE: Questions with respect to this information should be directed to the City of Fort Bragg Public Works Director Dave Goble at (707) 961-2823 ext. 117.