

# STATEWIDE BAN ON NON-FUNCTIONAL TURF IRRIGATION FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & INSTITUTIONAL PROPERTIES



## Non-functional turf

has been defined by the state as “turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.”

In response to California’s record-setting drought, the state has adopted emergency regulations to prevent wasteful water uses and promote conservation.



### QUESTIONS

Further details about the emergency drought regulation are available on the State Water Board’s website at [bit.ly/conservationreg](https://bit.ly/conservationreg).

Effective June 10, 2022, owners and managers of **commercial industrial and institutional (CII) properties are prohibited from irrigating non-functional turf with potable water.** This ban was issued by the Governor and will be in place for one year unless modified or readopted.

### EXEMPTIONS

Areas of turf are exempt if:

- The turf is used for human recreation, civic purposes, sports or play.
- The turf is irrigated with recycled water.
- The turf is irrigated with non-potable water (water that is not permitted for use as a drinking water supply).
- The turf is on the same valve as at least one tree or perennial non-turf plantings.
- The turf is at a residential location, not at a commercial, industrial, or institutional location. The exception to this is common areas in Homeowners Association sites. Unless one of the above exemptions applies, HOA common areas are included in this turf irrigation ban.

### ENFORCEMENT

Failure to comply may result in a fine of up to \$500 a day by the State Water Resources Control Board in addition to local enforcement of the violations.

To anonymously report water waste, go to [SaveWater.CA.Gov](https://www.savewater.ca.gov).