

Save Water for What Matters, Not Unused Lawns

The ban on watering unused grass starts January 2027.

Assembly Bill 1572 (2023) aims to conserve limited natural resources and encourage sustainable landscaping as California faces the impacts of a changed climate. The new law bans using potable (drinking) water to irrigate nonfunctional turf on public/government and commercial properties, including homeowners associations.

What is Nonfunctional Turf?

Nonfunctional turf is grass that is purely ornamental and not used for recreation or other community purposes.

Timeline

The law takes effect in phases starting January 2027. First for public and government properties, then commercial sites in 2028 and HOAs in 2029. The watering ban will apply to all affected properties by 2031.

What Not to Water

-  Highway/street medians and parkways
-  Grass surrounding school or office building
-  Grass on sloped areas not suitable for recreational use
-  Grass in parking lots or HOA common areas



bewaterwise.com[®]
FOR WATER-SAVING TIPS & REBATES



The Exceptions

- ✓ Residential properties and apartment buildings
- ✓ Properties that irrigate with recycled water, such as golf courses
- ✓ Sports fields and cemeteries
- ✓ Trees and non-turf plants



Lead With Your Landscape

California Friendly® and native landscapes use up to 80% less water than traditional lawns. Replacing grass with naturally water-efficient plants is a smart investment that helps create resilient and sustainable communities.



We're Here to Help



TURF REPLACEMENT REBATE

Get **\$7 or more per square foot** for up to 50,000 square feet of grass replaced with water-saving, sustainable landscaping. Funding is limited, reserve your rebate at socalwatersmart.com.



GROUNDCOVERS

Plant low-maintenance lawn alternatives. Learn more about water-efficient and no-mow groundcovers at bewaterwise.com.



SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Replace your sprinkler system with efficient landscaping equipment. Commercial rebates for smart irrigation controllers and soil moisture sensors are available at socalwatersmart.com.

bewaterwise.com/nonfunctionalturf



BE INFORMED,
BE INVOLVED

www.mwdh2o.com



@mwdh2o