

# STAGE 1 WATERING REGULATIONS

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Odd	Sat	Sat	Tue	Sat								
			Thu									
			Sat									
Even	Sun	Sun	Wed	Sun								
			Fri									
			Sun									

Odd addresses end in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 • Even addresses end in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

### **Watering Times and Duration**

- Water before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. on designated watering day.
- Runoff is prohibited.
- Rain Irrigation during and within 48 hours after measureable rainfall is prohibited.

### **Exceptions to Watering Schedule**

- Hand watering of shrubs, trees or vegetables is allowed with a watering can or attended hose with shut-off nozzle. Does not apply to lawns.
- **Drip irrigation** is allowed **any day** but must follow **time restrictions**. Drip irrigation means non-spray low volume irrigation with no emitter greater than **4** gallons per hour.
- **Supervised** testing or **repairing of irrigation system** is allowed with official City of Visalia sign (available at <a href="https://www.GoGreenVisalia.com">www.GoGreenVisalia.com</a>). Sign must be visible while area remains wet.
- A 21-day new plant establishment exception is allowed by permit. Does not apply to installation of new or replanted turf or annual plants.

#### Other Provisions and Restrictions

- Washing of sidewalks, driveways, or other paved areas is prohibited, unless it is necessary for the health and safety of the public; use of a low-flow high-pressure washer is required. Runoff is prohibited.
- Over-seeding of lawns is prohibited.
- **Draining of swimming pools** is limited to once every 3 years (with specific exceptions) by permit only. Apply at <a href="https://www.GoGreenVisalia.com">www.GoGreenVisalia.com</a>.
- Leaks must be repaired within 48 hours of discovery.
- Ornamental fountains must use a water recycling system.
- Car washing is allowed on any day with a hand-held bucket and/or a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle. Runoff is prohibited.

## If you receive a City of Visalia Administrative Citation for violating the Water Conservation Ordinance you have the following options:

- Attend one educational water class in lieu of paying the citation fee.
  - Register for the water conservation class by contacting Natural Resources Conservation at 713-4531 prior to the end of the appeal period.
  - o Citizens must attend one of the water classes within 75 days of the date of their letter.
  - Water classes are held on the third Wednesday of every other month. Citizens are always welcome at water education classes, but may only attend in lieu of paying a fine once.
- Pay the citation fee. Contact the City of Visalia Finance Department at 559-713-4516
- **Appeal the Citation** If the recipient of an Administrative Citation decides they want to appeal their citation, they would:
  - Visit Neighborhood Preservation Division offices in-person at 315 E. Acequia Avenue, inside City Hall East between the hours of 8 a.m. 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
  - O Pay the \$100 appeal fee (this fee is non-refundable if the appeal is not upheld, the fee is returned if the hearing is successful) and fill out the appeal request form.
  - Citizens receive notification of the date and time of the hearing by mail at least two weeks prior to the date. Hearings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, citizens can ask for the hearing to be rescheduled for the following month if they are unable to attend during the assigned time. Citizens may bring legal counsel with them to the hearing.

City of Visalia Natural Resource Conservation Division (559) 713-4531 • NROnline@ci.visalia.ca.us

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