

**FACT SHEET**  
**Miscellaneous Water Uses**

***“Modified Phase III”***  
***Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2017-014***

**Swimming Pools** ... and other non-commercial recreational water uses have some limitations.

- Pools may be filled.
- Pools must be maintained to minimize the use of make-up water (prompt repair of leaks, optimum scheduling of backwash filtration, screening or a cover to reduce evaporation, etc.).
- Use of a sprinkler or sprinkler-like device for recreational purposes is restricted to the watering day, watering times and horticulturally necessary amounts for the address involved.
- Temporary wading (“kiddie”) pools should be emptied onto a lawn in need of irrigation.

**Water-to-Air Cooling and Heating**... includes geothermal units and cooling towers.

- Geothermal units are used in some residential and small commercial buildings; some older models use well water that only passes through the system once.
- Cooling towers are used in schools, libraries and other large buildings; newer models must be carefully operated to provide the appropriate combination of temperature and humidity in a manner that also conserves energy.
- These devices may discharge water on any day and at any time, including the use of an irrigation system or unattended hose, when necessary.

**All Water Uses**

- Stricter local ordinances may apply, so also check with your water utility.
- No homeowner association or other entity may enforce any deed restriction or other community standard in a manner that requires sod replacement, pressure washing, or other activity that would increase water use.
- All “wasteful and unnecessary” use of water is prohibited, including but not limited to:
  - Allowing flow from an unattended hose, except cooling/heating/similar device discharges
  - Hosing-down a driveway or other impervious surface instead of a broom to remove debris
  - Hosing-down a building instead of using a broom or other dry method to remove debris
  - Allowing water to flow from a broken sprinkler head or other malfunctioning device after being notified by the District or one of its local enforcement partners

This fact sheet is a summary and interpretation of portions of Exhibit “E” from the Second Modification to Water Shortage Order No. SWF 2017-014.

If you have any questions about how these or any water shortage restrictions apply to your situation, please e-mail [Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org](mailto:Water.Restrictions@WaterMatters.org) or call 1-800-848-0499 during normal business hours.