

# **CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY**

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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **FOUNTAIN VALLEY CITY COUNCIL ADOPT WATER CONSERVATION WATER SUPPLY ALERT**

The Fountain Valley City Council approved a Water Conservation Water Supply Alert Resolution at the July 15 City Council Meeting. The City, in concert with the Municipal Water District of Orange County and Orange County Water District, are urging residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce their water usage by 10% to 20% through more aggressive water conservation.

The need for the Resolution stems from the combination of drought conditions, allocation agreements, regulatory impacts, and Governor Schwarzenegger's June 2008 Executive Order S-06-08.

Successful voluntary conservation will ensure storage reserves remain adequate to deal with the impact of drought and regulatory restrictions on pumping.

The Fountain Valley City Council strongly encourages all residents and businesses to follow water conservation guidelines in order to reduce the potential for future water shortages. If residents reduce their water usage by 10% to 20%, Fountain Valley water demands will be able to continue to be met.

Water-saving strategies are available at [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com), [www.mwdoc.com](http://www.mwdoc.com), [www.ocwd.com](http://www.ocwd.com) and [www.ocwaterhero.com](http://www.ocwaterhero.com). For quick reference, water customers can follow these water conservation tips:

- Turn off water while brushing your teeth.
- Shorten your showers by one or two minutes.
- Use dishwashers and clothes washers only when full.
- Install a smart sprinkler irrigation timer.
- Plant California native plants.
- Use organic mulch to reduce evaporation.
- Repair plumbing and irrigation system breaks, leaks, or other malfunctions as soon as possible.
- Take advantage of rebate programs and replace high water use fixtures and appliances.