



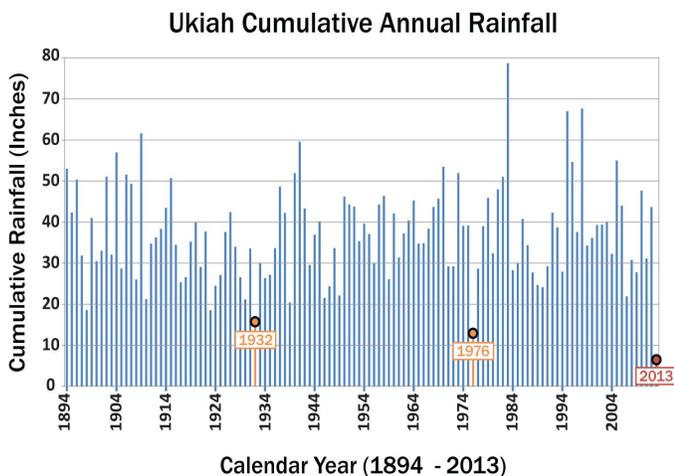
Water Conservation

There's **NEVER** enough to waste.

TURN THE WATER OFF.

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your efforts thus far. As you know, several consecutive dry years on top of the driest year on record in 2013 have culminated into drought conditions in the Ukiah Valley and across California. To illustrate the severity of the drought, the graph below shows the cumulative rainfall in Ukiah for the 2013 calendar year compared to previous years dating back to 1894. This graph shows that 2013 was the driest year in 120 years of record-keeping. It will take plenty of rain to make up for these historic dry conditions.



Conservation is not just part of a plan for drought—it is a way of life for the Ukiah Valley with year-round conservation measures.



A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ukiah declaring a Stage I Mandatory Water Conservation Emergency to increase water conservation practices for all Ukiah residents has been in effect since August 29, 2014.

Prohibitions for ALL City of Ukiah residents:

- ◆ The application of water to any driveway or sidewalk.
- ◆ Application of water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff such that water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private & public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.
- ◆ Broadcast (non-drip) irrigation from sunup to sundown & more frequently than every other day or more than 4 days per week, at the rate that causes ponding or puddling in the irrigated area.
- ◆ Drip irrigation at a rate that causes ponding or puddling in the irrigated area.
- ◆ Using a hose that dispenses water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.
- ◆ Using water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated.

The State of California has authorized fines of up to \$500 per day.

Talk to your neighbors if you see any water waste.

Call 463-6282 to report water waste in Ukiah.

Every **Drop** counts

OUTDOOR CONSERVATION TIPS

- ◆ Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff.
- ◆ Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads.
- ◆ Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1 to 3 minutes, or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week.
- ◆ Water only after the top inch of soil is dry.
- ◆ Adjust irrigation controllers and replace batteries in the spring and fall.
- ◆ Add 2" to 3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation.
- ◆ Upgrade to a "smart controller" that automatically adjusts watering times for hotter weather, and shuts down the system when it rains.
- ◆ Install water-efficient drip irrigation systems for trees, shrubs, and flowers to get water to the plant's roots more efficiently.
- ◆ Replace a portion of lawn with beautiful native, water-wise, California friendly plants.
- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- ◆ Get a self-closing nozzle for your hose.
- ◆ Install covers on pools and spas to reduce evaporation.

INDOOR CONSERVATION TIPS

- ◆ Run the dishwasher only when full.
- ◆ Don't leave water running when rinsing dishes.
- ◆ Turn water off when brushing teeth.
- ◆ Shorten showers.
- ◆ Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- ◆ Fix leaky toilets.
- ◆ Fix leaky faucets.
- ◆ Replace older, inefficient clothes washers.
- ◆ Replace older, high-volume toilets.
- ◆ Wash only full loads of clothes.
- ◆ Install low flow aerators on kitchen and bathroom faucets
- ◆ Install hot water on-demand system.
- ◆ Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- ◆ Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste.
- ◆ Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables and use it to water house plants.
- ◆ Tag team showers so that the water is already hot when you get in.

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GET CREATIVE!

How many other ways can you think of
to save water?