

# Reaching Out During Drought

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# 2014 - 2015 Outreach



- Community meetings
- Automated calls
- Multilingual billboards and bus shelter ads
- Fix-a-Leak week partnerships with 41 local hardware stores.
- Bimonthly newsletter
- 200+ events and workshops to support conservation
- Redesigned website, online water calculator, social media



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## Critical water shortage

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compared to 2013. To achieve these savings, EBMUD adopted new water use rules that affect all customers and must supplement normal water supplies with water from additional sources.

#### Mandatory outdoor watering rules now in effect:

- Strict limits on frequency: no more than two non-consecutive days per week with no runoff.
- Strict limits on times: only before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- . No watering allowed within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
- · No watering of ornamental turf on public street medians allowed.
- . No washing of driveways and sidewalks; except as needed for health and safety.
- . Use only hoses with shutoff nozzles to wash vehicles.
- . Turn off fountains or decorative water features unless the water is recirculated.

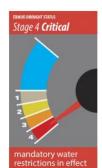


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This year, EBMUD declared a **Stage 4 critical drought** and set a community-wide goal to reduce water use 20 percent compared to 2013.

EBMUD customers are on track to meet our goal. We thank our customers for making water conservation a way of life in the East Bay and we ask that you keep it up!

Since conservation alone is not enough, EBMUD must supplement normal water supplies with water from additional sources. Currently, EBMUD's reservoirs combined are less than half full. Drought-related changes to our water supply operations may cause changes to the taste and smell of your tap

















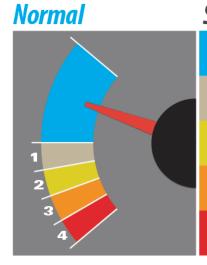


# **Messaging Ahead**





- Healthy water supplies, keep using water wisely.
- Focus on long-term drought and infrastructure planning and LASTLY...



EBMUD DROUGHT STATUS

### **Stages of Drought**

Current Stage 0: Normal Stage Projected Total System Storage: 500,000 acre feet or more Demand Beduction: Wise water use Additional Supplies Needed: None Rates and Charges: Normal rates

> Stage 1: Moderate Projected Total System Storage: 500,000–450,000 acre feet Demand Reduction: Voluntary 0–15% Additional Supplies Needed: None Rates and Charges: Normai rates

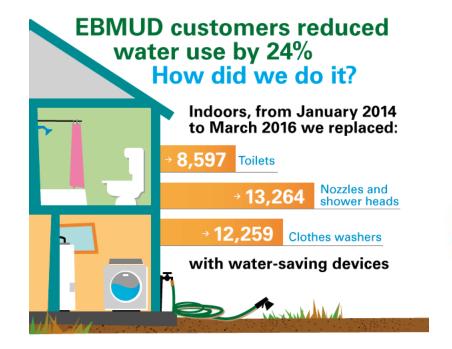
Stage 2: Significant Projected Total System Storage: 450,000–390,000 acre feet Demand Reduction: Voluntary 0–15% Additional Supplies Needed: Up to 35,000 acre feet Rates and Charges: Kormal rates + temporary surcharge up to 8%

Stage 3: Severe Projected Total System Storage: 390,000–325,000 acre feet Demand Reduction: Mandatory up to 15% Additional Supplies Needed: 35,000–65,000 acre feet Rates and Charges: Normal rates + temporary surcharge up to 20% Excessive use penalty in effect

Stage 4: Critical Projected Total System Storage: 325,000 acre feet or less Demand Reduction. Mandatory 15% or more Additional Supplies. Needed: Greater than 65,000 acre feet Rates and Charges: Normal rates + temporary surcharge up to +25% Excessive use penalty in effect

## **Messaging Ahead**





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Thank you. Gracias. Merci beaucoup for saving #water. @EBMUD customers cut back water use 24% compared to 2013.

# THANK YOU

EBMUD CUSTOMERS CUT BACK WATER USE 24 PERCENT COMPARED TO 2013.

We met our goal and then some!