

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
WATER (W)  
RULE W-8  
WATER CONSERVATION**

**W-8.01 GENERAL**

Rule provides requirements for the conservation of produced water within Los Alamos County.

**W-8.02 REFERENCE**

N/A

**W-8.03 DEFINITIONS**

- A. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this rule, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
- 1) Produced water means potable water sold to customers of the Department for private consumptive purposes.
  - 2) Gray water means household wastewater other than from water closets and kitchen sinks.
  - 3) Non-potable water means water sold to customers of the Department for industrial, irrigation and other purposes not involving direct human consumption.
  - 4) Reuse Water means effluent from a wastewater treatment plant operated by the Department that is released for non-potable purposes.
  - 5) Irrigation includes sprinkler systems, drip systems and watering with a hose. Irrigation does not include watering from a watering can.
  - 6) Water waste means the wasteful use of produced water, including but not restricted to:
    - a. Produced water applied to landscape in such a manner, rate and/or quantity that it overflows the landscaped area being watered and runs onto streets;
    - b. Produced water applied to landscape which leaves a sprinkler, sprinkler system, or other application device in such a manner or direction as to spray onto streets;
    - c. Application of produced water to landscape at prohibited times;
    - d. Washing of vehicles, equipment, or hard surfaces such as parking lots, aprons, pads, driveways, or other surfaced areas when produced water is applied in sufficient quantity to flow from that surface onto streets; and without the use of an automatic shutoff nozzle.
    - e. Failing to repair a leak in a system which delivers produced water within five (5) working days of the discovery of same;

**W-8.04 WATER WASTING PROHIBITED**

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No person, firm, corporation, county, school, state facility or operation shall cause or allow to occur water waste. In general the occurrence of an unforeseeable or unpreventable failure or malfunction of plumbing and irrigation system hardware shall not be deemed a violation of this rule unless and until formal warning notice has been issued. This does not apply to personnel of the County Fire Department engaged in the operation, maintenance or testing of any fire protection system or water used in construction activities.

**W-8.05 WATER CONSERVATION**

The following water conservation measures shall be in effect during the period between May 1 and September 30 at the times specified. No person, business, or institution shall use any produced water in violation of any provision of this section.

- A. Outdoor use of water for irrigation of grass, trees, plants or other vegetation, including outdoor potted vegetation shall be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- B. Outdoor use of water for irrigation of grass, trees, plants or other vegetation, including outdoor potted vegetation shall be determined as follows:
  - 1) Users with odd numbered addresses shall be permitted to use water in the above manner on each Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
  - 2) Users with even numbered addresses shall be permitted to use water in the above manner on each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
  - 3) Watering in the above manner shall be prohibited on each Monday.
  - 4) In case of corner buildings having both odd and even numbers, the number carried on the books of the Department shall control.
- C. Areas watered using reuse or non-potable water, gray water or water from a private well are exempted from these restrictions. These conservation measures shall not apply to any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of growing plants for sale or newly planted vegetation for a period of up to 1 month.