



Seal Rock Water District Issues a Stage 1 Water System Advisory:

On June 28, 2021, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted a Declaration of Local Drought Disaster for Lincoln County.

During a drought, water conservation matters more than ever. Across the Mid-Coast region, communities rely on surface water from rivers and streams, and flows are much lower than normal this year.

What does this mean for our water supply? Here in Seal Rock Water District, currently our water comes from the Siletz River. Currently due to drought conditions, the district is issuing a Stage 1 water curtailment notice. If drought conditions continue to worsen, we will need to implement additional water curtailment measures. We will be monitoring our water supply and we will keep you informed about the status of our water supply throughout the summer.

Conservation will help our water supply go further. Water conservation is important every summer, but even more so during a drought. During the dry season, water use spikes because of landscape irrigation and the influx of visitors. In some areas, summer water use is more than twice the amount used in winter! That is why we are encouraging everyone to do their part to conserve water. The more we can conserve, the better our chances of avoiding the need for further water curtailment actions.

How you can help: Everyone in our community has a role to play in conserving our water resources – from residents and businesses to visitors. Here are some ways you can help:

- Check your irrigation system for leaks and fix them as soon as you can.
- Make sure you're giving your plants only as much water as they need. If you see runoff after you irrigate, you may be watering too much. Considering cutting back the frequency or duration of irrigation, especially for well-established plants.
- Use drip irrigation, soaker hoses, and other efficient watering systems to send water straight to the roots of your plants.
- Water early in the morning so that water isn't lost to evaporation in the heat of the day.
- Make sure the sprinklers irrigating your landscape aren't also spraying pavement or other impervious surfaces.
- Install more water-efficient fixtures, such as faucet aerators and showerheads, in your home.
- Check for indoor leaks, such as a running toilet.
- Reduce your shower time.

For more information regarding water conservation, please visit the district's website at www.srwd.org.



Be sure to sign up for Alerts so that you will be notified if you have abnormal usage or a leak.

- Monitor your water usage by creating an account through our customer portal at <https://bit.ly/mywaterusage> or go to our website www.srwd.org
To sign up all you need is your account number and your service address exactly as it appears on your paper bill or on your Xpress Bill Pay account.
- If you already have an account make sure you have a daily usage alert set up. This will help you as a customer conserve water & also help catch leaks.
- Want to check and see how much water you're using when you are irrigating and how often? Check your daily usage down to the hour. Irrigation systems can be set up incorrectly or get stuck in the on position.

Please contact us if you need help signing up or setting up Alerts and we will be happy to assist you.

Also, visit our website www.srwd.org for tutorials on how to sign up and how to use the portal.

Join us in preserving & protecting our environment.