

*The following are helpful tips for consumers in the Inland Valley communities of La Verne, Claremont, Montclair, Upland, Chino Hills, Chino, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana as the Metropolitan Water District prepares to take a major water line out of service for six days to allow for repairs to an upstream facility.*

*The shutdown begins Monday, April 23, affecting imported water supplies serving the area. Consumers are asked to contact their local water supplier to determine water-use restrictions for their area.*

### **PRIOR TO MONDAY APRIL 23**

- Do not plant new landscaping, which typically requires continual watering to establish plants, shrubs and trees. Delay new plantings until after April 28.
- Set mowers for a higher cut than normal. Longer blades of grass help reduce evaporation. Or, avoid mowing altogether.
- Avoid fertilizing lawns and plants prior to the shutdown. Fertilizer, which encourages growth, requires more water.
- Fill large containers, like trash bins, and use that water for hand watering delicate plants during the week.
- Until Sunday, April 22, deep-water trees and shrubs by either setting out soaker hoses or watering with a regular hose on a slow trickle. Water until the soil is soaked to a depth of about 8–12 inches (deeper for trees, more shallow for shrubs). Use a soil probe or a shovel to determine the depth to which the water has percolated.
- Do all laundry before Sunday night and avoid using the clothes washer during the shutdown.
- Do a normal, thorough watering of lawns, but not more than normal because the extra water will be wasted. Hand-water “hot” or dry spots on lawns.
- Have a deep collection dish at the base of house plants. Fill the dish Sunday night so plants can draw on that water throughout the week.
- Set sprinkler timers to the “OFF” position Sunday night.

### **DURING THE SHUTDOWN**

- Take short showers (5-minute max).
- Put a bucket in the shower to collect the water before the shower warms up. Use this water for plants.

- Use collected water in trash bins or bathtubs to hand-water houseplants and sensitive outdoor plants as well as areas of the lawn that may show excessive stress (the hot spots).
- Do not leave water running when washing dishes.
- Run only full loads in washing machine and dishwasher.
- Do not leave water running when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Do not mow your lawns. Minimize the use of your lawn (i.e. playing on it, leaving vehicles on it) to reduce stress on the turf.

For more water-saving tips, visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

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