

No new water cuts in 2025 - but conservation remains essential

Thanks to our community's ongoing conservation efforts and above-average snowfall and runoff along the Colorado River, Southern Nevada will not experience additional cuts to its water allocation in 2025.

While this is certainly a positive development, it's important to remember that we live in one of driest cities in the nation and conservation is key. The community is encouraged to continue limiting outdoor water use, take advantage of rebate incentive programs, and reduce water waste to protect our most precious natural resource.

New projections released by the federal Bureau of Reclamation indicate Lake Mead - the source of 90 percent of our community's supply - will remain in a federally mandated Tier 1 shortage condition through 2025. This means Southern Nevada will be required to reduce its annual Colorado River allocation by 6.8 billion gallons for the second consecutive year.

Although a wetter-than-usual winter improved our water outlook, Lake Mead remains at approximately 33 percent of its capacity. With the ongoing impacts of climate change and reduced river flows, our collective conservation efforts are more important than ever.

Follow these simple tips to help conserve water:

- **Follow mandatory seasonal watering restrictions:** The community's winter restrictions, in effect Nov. 1 through Feb. 28, limit sprinkler irrigation to one day per week; Sunday watering is prohibited. Also, water-efficient plants and trees on drip irrigation need much less water and can thrive when watered once every seven to 14 days during the winter.
- **Homeowners: Replace your thirsty grass with water-efficient landscaping** and earn incentives of up to \$5 per square foot of grass you replace (for a limited time) through the SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program (WSL).
- **Prevent and Fix Leaks:** Regularly check for leaks in your home and repair them promptly. You can even get a rebate on smart leak detectors that connect with an app on your smartphone through SNWA. Also, report any water waste you notice in the community to your water provider.

To learn more about how you can help conserve water throughout the year, visit snwa.com. (Southern Nevada Water Authority)