



SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

# LAKE MEAD

WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

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## Nevada approves landmark water conservation law




In June, Governor Lombardo signed Assembly Bill 220 into law, giving the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) the ability to limit water use at single-family homes to about 163,000 gallons a year if conditions on the Colorado River worsen.

The restrictions would go into effect **only** if the federal government reduces Nevada's Colorado River allocation to 270,000 acre-feet or less and the SNWA Board of Directors votes to implement the water-use limit. If implemented, the limit would only affect the top 20 percent of residential water users who use most of our residential water supply.

AB 220 also requires water agencies to determine whether there is an adequate water supply for new development. It requires developers to take on more financial risk for their proposed developments.

The new law prohibits new septic tanks in the Las Vegas Valley, as well as creates a financial assistance program to help existing septic users who want to convert to the sewer system. It also requires new development to install water-efficient irrigation fixtures, prohibits grass in new development and requires functional grass to be watered efficiently.

While these collective measures represent significant long-term water savings for Southern Nevada, conservation from every sector of our community remains the key to our present and future sustainability:

-  Follow the seasonal watering restrictions.
-  Replace decorative/unused grass with water-efficient landscaping.
-  Fix leaks, and prevent and report water waste.

