

BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Energy and Water Conservation

Water Conservation

The District shall observe the following in order to conserve water:

1. Limit landscape irrigation to bare minimum needed for plant survival. When adding or replacing sprinkler systems, install timers and replace area sprinklers and bubblers with plant-to-plant emitters and other water limiting irrigation devices. During landscape maintenance replace damaged plants with drought resistant types. Instruct district design professionals to use drought plants and low volume irrigation systems in new or remodeled schools. Increase automatic sprinklers when possible. Water at night.
2. Whenever possible substitute sweeping for water cleaning on walkways and driveways.
3. During maintenance and repairs of plumbing fixtures use low flow or water conserving types. Be careful, however, of using certain low volume type fixtures without adequate water pressure. Low flow and low pressure can be a problem. Instruct district's design professionals to specify water conserving fixtures in new construction or modernization projects. Keyed faucets and automatic shut off valves can also be very effective.
4. Site custodian shall inspect and review areas in which water usage could be lowered. Certain types of flow reducers and adjustments to existing washing equipment might provide savings.
5. Develop awareness programs for students and staff to gain acceptance and cooperation in conserving water and in recycling.
6. Maintain HVAC systems using cooling towers to limit water losses in the system.

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