

Water Waste Prohibitions

1. Watering of outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures. **(Don't let your sprinklers run so long that the water runs off the grass onto the pavement and don't let your sprinklers water the pavement.)**
2. **Using a hose to wash an automobile, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.** (By the way, a professional car wash is a better choice, environmentally speaking. A commercial car wash uses only 45 gallons per car and typically recycles the water. Washing at home can use three times the amount of water and the dirt and grime washed off your car can pollute our ocean and beaches.)
3. The application of water to any hard surface, including, but not limited to, driveways, sidewalks and asphalt. **(Use a broom - not the hose - to clean hard surfaces. There are some exceptions for health and safety, such as street sweeping. The State also exempts the washing of solar panels.)**
4. Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated.

Ventura's Ordinance has a few more requirements that customers should be aware of:

5. **Any leaks should be repaired within 48 hours after being discovered.**
6. **Restaurants should serve water only if requested by the customer.** (It takes 3 glasses of water to provide one glass of drinking water: 1 to make the ice, 1 to fill the glass and 1 to wash the glass.)
7. **Knowingly for any indiscriminate running of water or washing with water not otherwise prohibited above which is wasteful and without reasonable purpose.**

From City of Ventura Ordinance Division 22 - Public Utilities, Sec. 22.170.010 Water waste prohibited