

GILL CREEK MUTUAL WATER COMPANY
Suggestions for conserving water 2009

Residents who draw water from the Russian River have been asked by the Sonoma County Water Agency to reduce their water usage by 25% during the period April 1 through October 2. The base year to be used in determining compliance is 2004. Using the data from 2004, it has been calculated that we need to reduce our usage by approximately 2,500,000 gallons to comply with this request.

It is suggested that each property owner in the Vineyard development monitor his/her own usage during this period. If it would be helpful to you we will determine the amount of water you used during 2004 by extracting that information from our files. Meters are only read on a quarterly basis; so that is the type of information we can furnish you. (April 1 thru June 30 and July 1 thru September 30)

Following are some suggestions for conserving water during this period:

1. Water landscaping and garden at night between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Change your timers so that you are watering for a shorter period of time.
2. Eliminate the use of sprinklers if at all possible.
3. Wash cars only if the hose is equipped with a nozzle that can be shut off when at the hose.
4. Limit the number of times you flush your toilets.
5. Install low-flow shower heads and toilets.
6. Consider navy showers.
7. Reduce the size of your vegetable garden thus reducing the amount of water needed.
8. Immediately report to the Gills and/or Bartley Pump any standing water which might suggest a leak.
9. Repair dripping faucets or faulty plumbing and irrigation systems.
10. Check your meter periodically to be sure that you do not have a leak. Be sure that all water is turned off. If there is a leak, the spinner in the center of your meter will be spinning. If you do not know where your meter is, the Gills will help you locate it.