



## **City of Avondale Estates Water Waste Policy**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to reduce water waste such as outdoor leaks and improper irrigation, thereby reducing the volume of flows entering the storm water collection system.

### **Waste of Water Prohibitions**

The following uses are a waste or unreasonable use or method of use of water and are prohibited:

1. Allowing a significant volume of water to escape from any premises onto public right-of-way, such as streets and sidewalks, or upon any other person's property.
2. Operating an irrigation system or other lawn or landscaping watering device during rain.
3. Operating an irrigation system or other lawn or landscaping watering device that has any broken or missing sprinkler heads.
4. Failing to repair a controllable leak, including a broken sprinkler head, or a leaking valve, or a leaking outdoor faucet, or a service line leak, or any other visible outside water leaks, on premises owned, leased, or managed by that person, within 30 days.
5. Washing any vehicle with a hose and not having a water shut-off nozzle or allowing water to run continuously from a hose while washing any vehicle.

### **Exceptions**

The restrictions in this policy do not apply to natural precipitation. In addition, the restrictions do not apply to the following authorized uses:

1. Flow resulting from firefighting or routine inspection of fire hydrants or from fire training activities.
2. Water applied as a dust control measure, as required by erosion and sedimentation rules.
3. Water applied to abate spills of flammable or otherwise hazardous materials, where water is the appropriate methodology.
4. Water applied to prevent or abate health, safety, or accident hazards when alternate methods are not available.
5. Water used for construction or maintenance activities where the application of water is appropriate methodology and where no other practical alternative exists.
6. Water used for power-washing hard surfaces to alleviate safety or sanitary hazards, unless prohibited by drought restrictions.
7. Mobile car washes when approval or a special use permit is obtained from the local authority.
8. Emptying of swimming pools for maintenance when proper local rules are followed.