

**WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE NOTES**  
**NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

1. For new buildings or additions exceeding 50,000 ft<sup>2</sup>, install a separate water meter or sub-meter for the following areas:
  - A. For each individual leased, rented, or other tenant space within the building projected to consume more than 100 gpd (380 L/day).
  - B. Where potable water is used for industrial/process uses, for water supplied to the following subsystems:
    - a. Makeup water for cooling towers where flow through is greater than 500 gpm (30 L/s).
    - b. Makeup water for evaporative coolers greater than 6 gpm (0.04 L/s).
    - c. Steam and hot-water boilers with energy input more than 500,000 Btu/h (147 kW).
  - C. For each building that uses more than 100 gpd on a parcel containing multiple buildings. (5.303.1.1)
2. Provide a 20% reduction in the overall potable water use for each building. The reduction shall be based on the maximum allowable water use per plumbing fixture and fittings as required by the Los Angeles Plumbing Code.  
New projects having a water supply of 2" or less and additions and alterations projects may use the prescriptive method outlined in this section. (5.303.2)
3. A water budget for landscape irrigation use that conforms to the California Department of Water Resources' Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) is required for new landscape areas of 500 sqft or more.  
The following methods to reduce potable water use in landscape areas include, but are not limited to, use of captured rainwater, recycled water, graywater, or water treated for irrigation purposes and conveyed by a water district or public entity. (5.304.1, 5.304.2)
4. New buildings on a site with 1,000 square feet or more of cumulative landscape area shall have separate meters or submeters for outdoor water use. (5.304.4)
5. Additions and alterations on a site with 1,000 square feet of cumulative landscape area which require water service upgrade shall have separate meters or submeters for outdoor water use. (5.304.4)
6. Locks shall be installed on all publicly accessible exterior faucets and hose bibs. (5.304.5)
7. Except as provided in this section, for sites with over 500 square feet of landscape area, alternate waste piping shall be installed to permit discharge from the clothes washer, bathtub, showers, and bathroom/restrooms wash basins to be used for a future graywater irrigation system (5.305.1)
8. Except as provided in this section, where City-recycled water is available within 200 feet of the property line, water closets, urinals, floor drains, and process cooling and heating in the building shall be supplied from recycled water and shall be installed in accordance with the Los Angeles Plumbing Code. (5.305.2)
9. Cooling towers shall comply with one of the following:
  - A. Shall have a minimum of 6 cycles of concentration (blowdown)
  - B. A minimum of 50% of the makeup water supply to the cooling towers shall come from non-potable water sources, including treated backwash. (5.305.3)
10. Develop and construct a system for onsite reuse of the groundwater where groundwater is being extracted and discharged. Alternatively, the groundwater may be discharged to the sewer. (5.305.4)
11. Provide a hot water system complying with one of the following:
  - A. The hot water system shall not allow more than 0.6 gallons of water to be delivered to any fixture before hot water arrives.
  - B. Where a hot water recirculation or electric resistance heat trace wire system is installed, the branch from the recirculating loop or electric resistance heat trace wire to the fixture shall contain a maximum of 0.6 gallons.  
(Los Angeles Plumbing Code Section 610.4.1)