

WATER CONSERVATION NOTES - ORDINANCE #184248
RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

PLUMBING SYSTEM

1. Multi-family dwellings not exceeding three stories and containing 50 units or less shall install a separate meter or submeter within common areas and within each individual dwelling unit. (4.303.3)
2. Water use reduction shall be met by complying with one of the following:
 - A. Provide a 20% reduction in the overall potable water use within the building. The reduction shall be based on the maximum allowable water use for plumbing fixtures and fittings as required by the Los Angeles Plumbing Code. Calculations demonstrating a 20% reduction in the building “water use baseline”, as established in Table 4.303.4.1, shall be provided; or
 - B. New fixtures and fittings shall comply with the maximum flow rates shown in Table 4.303.4.2, or
 - C. Plumbing fixtures shall use recycled water.
Exception: Fixture replacements (4.303.4)
3. New building on a site with 500 square feet or more of cumulative landscape area shall have separate meters or submeters for outdoor water use. (4.304.3)
4. Additions and alterations on a site with 500 square feet or more of cumulative landscape area and where the entire potable water system is replaced, shall have separate meters or submeters for outdoor water use. (4.304.3)
5. In other than single family dwellings, locks shall be installed on all publicly accessible exterior faucets and hose bibs. (4.304.4)
6. Provide a cover having a manual or power-operated reel system in any permanently installed outdoor in-ground swimming pool or spa in one- and two-family dwellings. For irregular-shaped pools where it is infeasible to cover 100% of the pool due to its irregular shape, a minimum of 80% of the pool shall be covered. (4.304.5)
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. (4.305.1)
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. (4.305.2)
9. In new buildings of 25 stories or less, the cooling towers shall comply with one of the following:
 - A. Shall have a minimum of 6 cycles of concentration (blowdown); or
 - B. A minimum of 50% of the makeup water supply to the cooling towers shall come from non-potable water sources, including treated backwash. (4.305.3.1)
10. In new buildings over 25 stories, the cooling towers shall comply with all of the following:
 - A. Shall have a minimum of 6 cycles of concentration (blowdown); and
 - B. 100% of the makeup water supply to the cooling towers shall come from non-potable water sources, including treated backwash. (4.305.3.2)
11. Where groundwater is being extracted and discharged, develop and construct a system for onsite reuse of the groundwater. Alternatively, the groundwater may be discharged to the sewer. (4.305.4)
12. Provide a hot water system complying with one of the following (Los Angeles Plumbing Code Section 610.4.1):
 - 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.
 - C. Residential units having individual water heaters shall have a compact hot water system that meets all of the following:
 - a. The hot water supply piping from the water heater to the fixtures shall take the most direct path.
 - b. The total developed length of pipe from the water heater to farthest fixture shall not exceed the distances specified in Table 3.6.5 of the California Energy Code Residential Appendix.
 - c. The hot water supply piping shall be installed and insulated in accordance with Section RA3.6.2 of the California Energy Code Residential Appendix.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM

12. 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 sq. ft. 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. (4.304.1)

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