



# CITY OF COLTON

## News Release

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### **Important Message for City of Colton Water Customers**

**Colton, Calif. — (May 2022) —** Please be advised that the City of Colton has sufficient water supplies to make it through the current drought year. For many years, the San Bernardino Valley region, of which Colton is a part, has been proactively preparing for drought by storing water in wet years for use in dry years. Currently, groundwater storage basins are at 80% capacity, allowing the region to continue without the mandatory drought restrictions other areas are experiencing.

In an effort to ease impact on our groundwater basins and as good stewards of our water resources, the City of Colton has remained in Stage 3 Watering Restrictions. Outdoor irrigation is currently limited to (3) three days per week and only between the hours of 8 PM and 6 AM.

Last week's media coverage of Metropolitan Water District's move to limit outdoor irrigation to one-day/week has caused much confusion for Colton Water customers, questioning how and when they could irrigate. Metropolitan Water District is a wholesale water supplier, heavily dependent on State Water Project water from Northern California. The City of Colton is **not** within Metropolitan's service area and is not dependent on State Water Project water, but instead utilizes groundwater.

For more information on the City's current watering restrictions please visit: [www.coltonlandscape.com](http://www.coltonlandscape.com).