City Scores on Water Conservation Measures

Los Angeles and Orange Counties

Los Angeles County

BEST Measures
- Burbank
- La Verne
- Los Angeles

GOOD Measures
- Arcadia
- Azusa
- Bell Gardens
- Carson
- Claremont
- Commerce
- Covina
- Culver City
- Diamond Bar
- El Segundo
- Glendale
- Hawaiian Gardens
- Hermosa Beach
- Industry
- La Canada Flintridge
- La Habra Heights

POOR Measures
- Agoura Hills
- Alhambra
- Artesia

Orange County

BEST Measures
- La Palma
- Mission Viejo

GOOD Measures
- Aliso Viejo
- Anaheim
- Brea
- Buena Park
- Costa Mesa

POOR Measures
- Dana Point
- Fountain Valley
- Garden Grove
- Irvine
- La Habra
- Laguna Beach
- Laguna Hills
- Laguna Niguel
- Laguna Woods
- Lake Forest
- Newport Beach
- Orange

POOR Measures
- Placentia
- Rancho Santa Margarita
- San Clemente
- San Juan Capistrano
- Seal Beach
- Stanton
- Villa Park
- Westminster
- Yorba Linda

WORST Measures
- Baldwin Park
- La Puente
- Palos Verdes Estates
- Rancho Palos Verdes
- South El Monte

Are you doing your part?

City water ordinances were reviewed between August 2009 and November 2010. For more detailed statistics and analysis on the water conservation measures and ratings, please visit our website: www.angeles.sierraclub.org/water

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Long Term Water Conservation Is Essential To The Survival Of Southern California

Which cities are doing their share to make the water supply last?

We all share the same water supply. Some cities are helping to make the water last. Others have a long way to go. As you review this map, take a look to see how your city ranks.

Southern California is a semi-arid region made green largely with imported water from Northern California, the Owens Valley, and the Colorado River. Natural weather patterns and climate change are diminishing these flows, even as our population swells and water demands increase.

Cities and water districts in Los Angeles and Orange counties must plan for the water shortages that loom on our horizon. Maintaining an adequate water supply requires long-term planning; one heavy rain will not provide an abundance to sustain us indefinitely.

The Water Conservation Committee of the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter evaluated local efforts by analyzing the water conservation ordinances adopted in recent years. Some cities and water districts have developed thoughtful strategies for increasing water-use efficiency that will lead to meaningful water conservation in the long run. Others merely list a few restrictions that do little to conserve water even in the short term. Still others have taken no steps to do their share to make the water supply last.

How does your city rank? Do you live in a progressive community? Or do your local officials need to improve the water conservation measures for your city?

The map to the right displays city rankings. Cities doing an excellent job mandating their residents conserve are shown in blue. A good job appears as green. Yellow is poor, and red indicates a city that has taken little-to-no action.

We have reached a critical point in Southern California’s water reliability. It is time for local cities and water districts to plan for long term supply through adequate planning and conservation measures.