



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## **Monterey Park Recommends that Residents and Businesses Turn Off Sprinklers to Save Water During the Rain**

*Don't water during the rain and avoid watering already soaked lawns by turning off sprinklers*

Monterey Park, Calif. - December 2, 2014 - In light of this week's rainy weather, the [City of Monterey Park](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) is urging water customers to turn off sprinklers and watering systems in order to conserve water.

According to the [public works department](#), the average resident can save over 2,000 gallons of water by shutting off their watering systems for a week after a heavy rain. Shutting off sprinkler and automatic watering systems for up to one week following the rain will not affect the health of grass, plants and other garden foliage.

"It is always a great idea to turn off your sprinklers during the rain as it takes advantage of nature's effort to irrigate. Not turning off your sprinklers results in a needless waste of our precious resource," said Monterey Park Water Utility Manager Frank H. Heldman. "Check your sprinkler controller, most of them have a setting that allows for rainy days - if not, simply select the "OFF" position. Return it to the "AUTO" position a few days (2-3 days) after the rain has stopped and has soaked into the ground," Heldman suggests.

The city would also like to remind water users that, under the [Monterey Park municipal code](#), excessive watering is prohibited. With California still in drought conditions, water conservation efforts are needed to make "every drop count." These efforts compliment the city's [water conservation ordinance](#) in response to the drought. For more information please visit the City of Monterey Park website at [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov).

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