

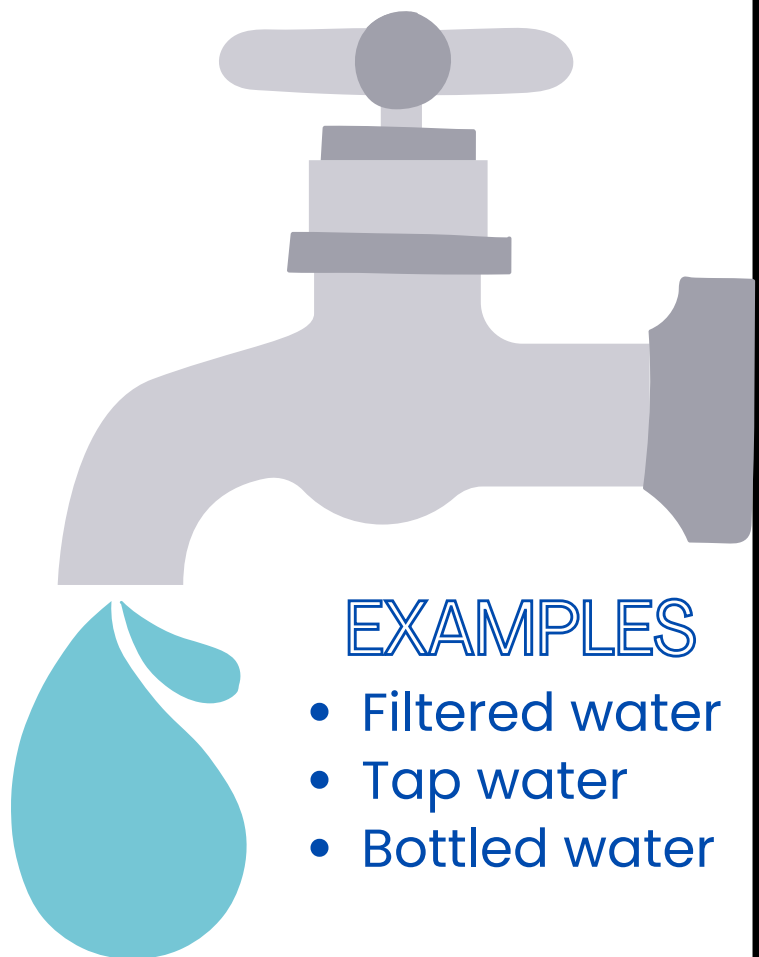
Did you know?

## ASSEMBLY BILL 1572: POTABLE WATER & NONFUNCTIONAL TURF

The bill prohibiting the use of potable water for nonfunctional turf irrigation on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties (including HOAs) in California went into effect on **October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

# WHAT IS POTABLE WATER?

Potable water is water that has been treated and tested to ensure it is safe for human consumption (drinking and food preparation).



## EXAMPLES

- Filtered water
- Tap water
- Bottled water



# WHAT IS NONFUNCTIONAL TURF?

Nonfunctional turf primarily refers to areas of mowed grass that serve NO function other than decorative aesthetics.



## EXAMPLES

- Parking lot islands
- HOA common areas
- Nonfunctional grass lawns
- Parkways

# ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Functional turf areas are exempt from restriction. This includes...

- Parks
- Cemeteries
- Sports fields
- Public recreational spaces

Other exemptions include...

- Residential landscapes (even those residing in an HOA)
- Areas needed for pet use at vet offices or animal shelters
- Grass watered directly beneath tree canopies or shrubs
- Landscapes irrigated with **recycled water** or **harvested rainwater**



# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS AB-1572?

- Intended to conserve water resources in urban areas amid ongoing drought conditions throughout state of California
- Highlights the significant portion of treated water used for landscape irrigation
- Seeks transition to sustainable alternatives for urban landscapes

# WHAT ARE THE PHASE BAN DATES FOR AB-1572?

**January 1<sup>st</sup>  
2027**

All properties owned by the CA Department of General Services & local government agencies

**January 1<sup>st</sup>  
2028**

All commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties

**January 1<sup>st</sup>  
2029**

HOA common areas, common interest developments, & similar entities

**January 1<sup>st</sup>  
2031**

Local government facilities in disadvantaged communities

Contingent upon availability of State financial assistance



# WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AB-1572?

Check out these resources!

- “AB 1572 – Restrictions on Irrigation of Nonfunctional Turf.” *AWAttorneys*, [www.awattorneys.com](http://www.awattorneys.com). Accessed 16 June 2025.
- “AB-1572 Potable Water: Nonfunctional Turf.” *California Legislative Information*, [leginfo.legislature.ca.gov](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov). Accessed 16 June 2025.
- “AB 1572 (Friedman).Pdf.” *California State Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife*, [awpw.assembly.ca.gov](http://awpw.assembly.ca.gov). Accessed 17 June 2025.
- “Assembly Bill 1572 – Irrigation Restrictions for Nonfunctional Turf.” *Harvest Landscape Inc.*, YouTube, 2024, [Video Link](#).
- “Conversation on Decorative Lawn Watering Ban (AB 1572).” *EBMUD*, YouTube, 2024, [Video Link](#).