

**55 GALLONS-PER-PERSON-PER DAY  
USE RESTRICTIONS ARE NOT YET IN EFFECT**

Despite what you may have heard through social media and false news reporting, water use restrictions of 55 gallons-per-person-per day are not yet in effect.

Earlier this week, KTLA, a television station in the Los Angeles area reported that effective January 1, 2020, significant monetary fines of \$1,000 or more could be imposed against persons using more than 55 gallons of water each day. This news report was inaccurate (it was incorrect on both the facts and the law).

Social media (including nextdoor.com) rumors have been spreading that using more than 55 gallons-per-person-per-day will result in fines. These rumors are false.

The truth is that two bills – SB 606 (Hertzberg D-Los Angeles) and AB 1668 (Friedman D-Glendale) – were signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 2018 and will restrict future water use, but not until after California’s regulatory agencies figure out how to implement the laws.

These laws call for a limitation of 55 gallons-per-person-per-day for indoor water use, plus another limitation on outdoor water use, along with future reductions in water use, both indoors and out. Implementation of these water use restrictions is not expected until 2022.

As of this date, the state regulatory agencies (State Water Resources Control Board and Department of Water Resources) responsible for creating the mechanisms for measuring water use and enforcing use restrictions under these new laws have not completed their work. For example, at present, water service providers, like Great Oaks Water Company, do not have information on the number of persons living in each residential household to which Great Oaks provides water service. Outdoor water usage limitations have not been established. And Great Oaks does not have tariffs in place that would authorize the imposition of fines or penalties for using too much water. Water use restrictions put in place during the recent multi-year drought were removed in January of 2017.

Great Oaks encourages its customers to conserve water and to “Make Water Conservation a Way of Life” here in California by cutting back on both indoor and outdoor water usage by 20%, as compared to usage in 2013, the last “normal” year before the recent drought.