



Report Water Wasters

Have you seen an example of water wasting? For example, a broken sprinkler head or an irrigation system that has been set to water too long? If so we would like to hear about it so we can contact the property owner of the system and make them aware of the problem. In addition, chronic water wasters could be fined. You can report water wasting by calling our Public Works office at (209) 538-5732.

As our state enters another year of severe drought we need to do everything we can to protect our water supply. The City of Ceres relies 100% on groundwater, which is being depleted due to the lack of surface water from low snowpack, lakes, rivers and reservoirs. Water is a valuable resource in California and needs to be used wisely. Should the City of Ceres Water Department deem that any customer has in fact violated any of the rules as listed in the Municipal Code, a warning and or citation will be issued. Wasting water shall not be permitted and is subject to a warning and or citation in the following amounts:

- 1st offense is a warning notice
- 2nd offense is a \$20 violation
- 3rd offense is a \$100 violation
- 4th offense is a \$250 violation
- 5th offense is a \$500 violation
- Subsequent citation within one calendar year from warning will be a \$500 fine each.

All fines shall be attached to the monthly water bill. All violations are entitled to an appeal provided the request for an appeal is filed with the Department of Public Works within ten (10) calendar days from service of the citation. Refer to the City's Municipal Code for complete instructions regarding the appeal process.

Acts constituting in wasting water are but not limited to:

- Watering outdoor between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm.
- Watering outdoor on the wrong watering day.
- Watering outdoor while it is raining.
- Watering outside excessively causing water to leave the property.
- Washing outside with an open hose.
- Washing asphalt, concrete, or building exteriors.
 - a. For a complete set of rules and regulations, refer to the City's Municipal Code 13.04.130 and City Council Resolution 2007-68