

## Non-Functional Turf Ban Information

To prevent the unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, the California State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1572 (2023). Soon, the use of potable water will be prohibited for the irrigation of **non-functional turf** at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites.

*If the only person walking on the grass is the person mowing the grass, that grass is non-functional.*



Example of Functional Turf



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### Functional turf is defined as turf grass that is:

- Needed to serve a human function, including, use for recreational purposes, civic or community events.
- On the property of a single-family home.
- On the property of a park used for sport, gathering, or recreation.
- On a golf courses used directly for sport.
- On a school field used for sport, gathering, or recreation.
- Needed for pet relief at veterinarian offices, boarding facilities and animal shelters.
- Within cemeteries used for visitation and gathering.
- A species of turf that has a plant factor  $\leq 0.3$  per the CA Code of Regulations Section 491 Title 23.

### Non-functional turf includes, but is not limited to turf:

- Along private or public sidewalks (parkways) and medians.
- Along commercial driveways, parking lots and HOA common areas.
- Surrounding schools or office buildings.
- Mowed grass that is decorative and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes.
- Note: Recycled water customers are exempt.

### Turf Removal deadlines:

**January 2027** – All public properties

**January 2028** – All Commercial, Industrial & Institutional properties

**January 2029** – HOA's & similar common areas

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