



# City of Greenfield

## City Manager's Report



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California...needs your help in  
conserving water...

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## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

As most of us are adjusting to Daylight Savings Time and "Springing Forward" one hour, It's great to have that additional hour of sunlight. That being said...I can't help but wonder, how long Mother Nature will continue to torcher us with out any rainfall.

We are in a serious drought in California, which I am sure is a huge concern for all residents; not just in our community but across this dry state and government.

As you read on, you will find tips on how we can all make the effort and practice saving water together. If you have any questions, or if you would like more information you can follow the link provided below, or contact City Hall.

Before we know it, fall will come upon us and who knows, it might be a great rainy season, however one season will not be enough for California to recover.

Let's do our part, together we can make it through this drought.



## CITY OF GREENFIELD Water Shortage Emergency Notice to All Water Customers

The State of California and the City of Greenfield continue to face a serious water shortage due to the ongoing drought that is now extending into its fourth year. Last July, the State directed that all water districts, including the City of Greenfield, adopt mandatory water conservation measures with a goal of reducing water consumption by 20%. Just this week, the State adopted new mandatory water conservation rules that will impact all homeowners, restaurants, and motels.

All water customers must comply with the mandatory water restrictions shown below. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Water restrictions

- **Landscape Irrigation:** The application of potable water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, storm drains, ditches, parking lots, or structures is prohibited.
- **Landscape Watering Times:** Using sprinkler or irrigation systems is permitted only two days per week before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. Addresses ending in even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6, and 8) may water on Monday and Thursday. Addresses ending in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) may water on Tuesday and Friday. If there is no street address, you may water on Wednesday and Saturday.

- **Vehicle and Equipment Washing:** Previously vehicle washing was allowed only on assigned landscape watering days and only during landscape watering hours. That requirement is modified to allow non-commercial washing of vehicles on any day of the week. However, each vehicle may be washed no more than one time per week. To protect the finish of your vehicle and to minimize evaporation, it is requested that you wash your vehicle either before 10:00 a.m. or after 7:00 p.m.
- **Hose Nozzles:** All hoses must be equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- **Washing Down Hard or Paved Surfaces:** Washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, patios, or other paved surfaces is not permitted.
- **Washing of Exteriors:** Washing the exterior of dwellings, buildings or structures is prohibited.
- **Swimming Pools and Spas:** Filling new swimming pools is prohibited. Draining and refilling existing swimming pools is permitted only if repairing a pool leak or repairing, maintaining, or replacing a pool component that has become hazardous. All pools and spas must be covered when not in use to reduce evaporation.
- **Fountains and Decorative Water Features:** Potable water may not be used in fountains or other decorative water features except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- **Uncorrected Plumbing Leaks:** Plumbing leaks, whether indoors or outdoors, must be repaired within 24 hours or the City must be notified when the repair will be made.
- **Commercial Lodging Establishments:** Hotels and motels must offer lodgers the option to forego daily laundering of towels, sheets, and linens. The hotel or motel must prominently display notice of this option in each bathroom using clear and easily understood language.
- **Eating or Drinking Establishments:** Drinking water shall not be served other than upon request in any eating or drinking establishment, including all restaurants, hotels, motels, cafes, cafeterias, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.

## **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING WATER RESTRICTIONS**

- First offense - written notice and opportunity to correct the violation
- Second offense - \$50 penalty
- Third offense - \$100 penalty

Water is a scarce resource that needs to be used wisely. For some good tips on how to reduce water consumption, please visit the California Dept. of Water Resources website at [saveourwater.com](http://saveourwater.com) or call the City of Greenfield at 674-2635.





## PLASTIC BAG AND STYROFOAM BAN

Sending a reminder to all our local businesses and residents that as of March 1, the ban on single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam food containers became effective. All retail businesses can only provide customers with either a recycled paper bag or a reusable bag (minimum 4 mil thick). The retailer must also charge the customer a minimum of \$0.25 for each recycled paper bag or reusable bag. Any retailer that is still using the prohibited single-use plastic bags could be fined \$500.

As a customer, you can make sure you are not charged for bags by bringing your own bags to the retailer when you shop. If you use your own, you will not be charged. You can save money at the retail store and help protect our environment and reduce litter by using your own reusable bags.

All "retail food establishments" are also no longer allowed to dispense food in any disposable food container that contains or uses Styrofoam. This includes hot food containers, carry-out containers, and beverage cups. As of March 1, all restaurants, grocery stores, and any other retail establishment

that prepares and sells food can only use containers that are biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. Any retailer that is still using Styrofoam containers could be fined \$500.



Please pass the word around. Let's help reduce litter and stop the use of single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam food containers. Let's protect our environment.

To read the full text of each of these ordinances, please click [HERE](#).

## CAMBRIA PARK UPDATE



**CAMBRIA PARK**

### To Our Neighbors in Greenfield and Other Interested Parties...

This is the eighth of CHISPA's newsletters updating you on our Cambria Park Subdivision development at Apple Avenue and Chardonnay Drive, next door to Cesar Chavez Elementary School. Keep watching for more updates throughout the coming months.

# More New Homes Under Construction

Construction on six new homes on Lots 7 through 12 is moving along quickly! The exterior construction is complete (with a little stonework and other details still in progress), and we are now working on the interiors and gardens.

Below are photos of the activity.



Homes in Cambria Park are being sold to low or moderate income families.

Some construction funding for these homes was provided by HUD's NSPII Program and by Wells Fargo Bank Priority Markets.

If you are interested in purchasing a home in the Cambria subdivision, please contact Carolina Nunez (Information below) and she will put you on an interest list:

Carolina Nunez  
Self-Help Program Coordinator  
CHISPA, Inc.  
295 Main Street, Suite #100  
Salinas, CA 93901

## ATTENTION GREENFIELD RESIDENTS...

### Don't Flush Trouble

*These items belong in the trash!*



Disposable diapers & baby wipes



Condoms



Female products



Facial Wipes



Cigarette Butts



Grease /Oils



Hair



The label might say "flushable", but disposable wipes and other products are clogging our sewer lines and damaging pumps and other equipment.

Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, business and local storm catch basins. So, think trash, not toilets!

***Use the trash  
can not the  
toilet!***

City of Greenfield  
Community Service Department  
Wastewater Division  
(831)674-2635

# No tire problemas al inodoro!

*Estos elementos pertenecen a la basura!*



Panales desechables y toallitas húmedas para bebé



Preservativos (condones)



Productos femeninos



Toallitas faciales



Las colillas de cigarrillos



Grasa y aceites



Cabello



La etiqueta puede decir que pueden tirarse al inodoro, pero las toallitas desechables y otros productos están tapando nuestras tuberías de alcantarillado y dañando las bombas y otro equipo.

No sólo estos problemas son costosos de corregir, ya que ellos también pueden causar desbordamientos de aguas residuales crudas a los hogares, negocios y tormentas locales cuando se capturan. Por lo tanto, cree que la basura, no los baños!

**Utilice el bote de la basura NO el inodoro!**

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Let's try to conserve as much water as possible!  
Here are some tips:

### Water Conservation Is Important!

Make sure the plugs in your bathroom and basin don't leak. If they do, buy new plugs to make sure the drains are completely sealed.

Did you know that of all the water on earth, we can only use 1%. It is important that we use water wisely and make sure we don't waste it.

The best time to water your yard is in the early morning or late evening when the soil is still cool. Watering when it's hot and sunny is wasteful because most of the water evaporates before the plants have time to drink it.

When watering plants, be careful not to water them too much. A little bit of water can go a long way!

Reuse tap water by keeping a container in your basin. Use the water later on garden beds and pot plants.

Turn off the tap while you brush your teeth and wash the dishes!

Washing your bike or car with a bucket and sponge instead of a hose saves a lot of water.

Some car washes recycle water instead of letting it run down the sewer drains. Ask your parents to check if a car wash near you recycles water.

Check to make sure your toilet doesn't leak, otherwise you could be wasting up to 50 flushes of water a day!

Taking a shower uses much less water than a bath. To save even more water, keep your shower under five minutes long.

Install a water saving shower head!

Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full.



# GREENFIELD

# POLICE DEPARTMENT CPA



Participate as a Community Police  
Academy Member...

The Greenfield Community Police Academy (CPA) provides community members with an up close and personal look at police work and the Greenfield Police Department. For more information click [HERE.](#)

If your interested and would like to download an application to become a member of the Greenfield Community Police Academy, click [HERE.](#)



## Greenfield Police Department Nominates: Greenfield Resident, Marty Horton Ramirez



Marty has worked with the department on crime analysis and property inventory.

Thank you Marty, for your time, commitment and contributions to the department.

# Coffee with a Cop *in* Greenfield



On March 28, 2015, the Greenfield Police Department is inviting members of the community to meet in an informal setting to discuss community issues and build relationships over a cup of coffee. The event will take place from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, at the McDonald's in Greenfield.

Coffee with a Cop provides an opportunity for community members to ask questions, learn more about the Greenfield Police Department and meet the officers that serve their community. There will be no agenda or speeches, just an opportunity to voice your concerns and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Anyone with questions about the *Coffee with a Cop* event can contact Maria Ramirez at the GPD (831) 674-5111.

**Saturday, March 28**  
**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**



**501 El Camino Real**  
**Greenfield, CA**

# Café con un Policía *en* Greenfield



El 28 de Marzo de 2015, el Departamento de Policía de Greenfield está invitando a los miembros de la comunidad a reunirse en un ambiente informal para discutir asuntos de la comunidad y construir relaciones más con una taza de café.

El evento tendrá lugar del 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. el sábado 28 de Marzo, en el McDonald's en Greenfield.

Café con un Oficial ofrece una oportunidad para que los miembros de la comunidad y hagan sus preguntas, aprender más sobre el Departamento de Policía de Greenfield y conocer los Oficiales que sirven a su comunidad. No habrá programa o discursos, sólo una oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y conocer a los oficiales en su vecindario. Cualquiera persona que tenga preguntas

sobre Una taza de Café con un Oficial puede ponerse en contacto con María Ramirez en el GPD (831) 674-5111.

**Sábado, marzo 28**  
**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**



**501 El Camino Real**  
**Greenfield, CA**

**See you there!**

# ¡Nos vemos allí!

Thank you for receiving our CM Report! We appreciate your interest in our Community!

Sincerely,

**City of Greenfield**  
**599 El Camino Real**  
**Greenfield, California 93927**  
**831-674-5591**

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