



REDWOOD CITY RECYCLED WATER USE ORDINANCE FACT SHEET



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE?

The City owns and operates a recycled water distribution system which provides recycled water for approved uses to customers within the City. The recycled water is provided by the South Bay Side System Authority (SBSA), of which the City is a member. The purpose of the Recycled Water Use Ordinance is to ensure the maximum public benefit from the use of the City's recycled water supply by establishing a recycled water service area, and requirements for both required and voluntary use within the service area. It is the policy of the City that recycled water shall be used for nonpotable uses wherever its use is economically justified, financially and technically feasible, and consistent with legal requirements and the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and the environment.

WHAT DOES THE ORDINANCE INCLUDE?

The ordinance will include the following sections:

- Findings, purpose, and water recycling policy
- Definitions
- Reference to federal and state regulations and permits governing the use and distribution of recycled water
- Description and map of recycled water service area to be enacted
- The service area map may be updated as needed by resolution
- Requirements for required use of recycled water
- Requirements for voluntary use of recycled water
- Recycled water permit process
- Reference to the Recycled Water Users Guide, which will be developed separately by the City
- Sanctions and enforcement

FOR WHAT USES WILL RECYCLED WATER BE REQUIRED?

The draft ordinance states that recycled water will be required for the following uses:

- **Existing and remodeled commercial and industrial buildings:**
 - External landscaping
- **New commercial, industrial, institutional and governmental projects:**
 - Internal separate plumbing of water closets, urinals, trap primers
 - Internal cooling towers and evaporative coolers
 - External landscaping
- **New apartments and condominiums**
 - Internal separate plumbing of water closets, urinals, trap primers
 - Internal cooling towers and evaporative coolers
 - External common area landscaping
- **Dust control for construction activities**

FOR WHAT USES SHALL RECYCLED WATER BE CONSIDERED OR ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER?

The draft ordinance states that recycled water will be considered for the following uses:

- **Existing and remodeled commercial and industrial buildings:**
 - Internal separate plumbing of water closets, urinals, trap primers
 - Internal cooling towers and evaporative coolers
- **Existing and Remodeled Apartments and Condominiums**
 - Internal separate plumbing of water closets, urinals, trap primers
 - Internal cooling towers and evaporative coolers
 - Landscape Irrigation
- **Single family home owners associations (HOA)**
 - External landscaping
- **New and Existing Industrial users must consider use for industrial processes**

FOR WHAT USES WILL RECYCLED WATER NOT BE REQUIRED?

The draft ordinance states that recycled water will not be required for the following uses:

- **Fire sprinklers**
- **Internal dual plumbing of new single-family residences and new multi-family rental projects**

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IN THE ORDINANCE ADOPTION PROCESS?

- May 9 - Staff Report available online
- May 12 - Public hearing for introduction and First Reading of proposed ordinance
- May 12th - June 20th - Ordinance revisions
- June 20 – Staff Report Available online
- June 23 - Ordinance revisions on Consent Calendar
- July 7 – Second Reading and Adoption of proposed ordinance
- August 6 - Ordinance takes effect (30 days after July 7th Adoption)

Information is also available online at: www.redwoodcity.org/recycledwater.