



Emergency Drought Restrictions Effective August 1 2014

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The State of California Water Board has issued a 9 month restriction on aesthetic power washing of **sidewalks and driveways**.

The Water Board has granted **exemption** to the sidewalk and driveway restrictions in cases where a health or safety **issue exists**. Areas where the following are present are not only allowed to be cleaned during this restriction, but in many cases **must** be cleaned due to local ordinances. **Cleaning of vertical surfaces is not restricted by the State Board.**

The presence of the following **Health and Safety hazards** require cleaning due to slip and fall or other health hazards on any surface:

Oil of any kind, automotive, kitchen, etc

Grease of any kind, automotive, kitchen, etc

Heavy Metals

Antifreeze or any other automotive fluids

Food or drink spills

Slippery walking surfaces

Algae, Mold or Fungus

Urine, Feces, Animal, Bird, Human, etc.

This list is not exhaustive and there may be other health and safety contaminants that require power washing that are not listed here. These are the most common.

Cleaning of any surface with hazardous contaminants is **exempt** from the Water Board's restrictions and should be completed using water at its full potential taking care to eliminate any unnecessary water use or loss during this time of drought.

Drought Best Management Practices:

- Do not allow water tanks to overfill or overflow
- Repair significant leaks
- When possible push runoff into landscaping to water foliage.
- When feasible direct runoff into sanitary sewer for treatment and reuse.
- Use non potable water if available onsite.
- Initially fill tanks with non-potable water when possible if it is clean enough to use.

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