

AB 1572

Understanding the New
Law on Water Use and
Nonfunctional Turf

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

💧 Smarter Water Use

Helps California prepare for long-term water shortages

💧 Cost Savings

Cuts down on water maintenance bills for businesses, HOAs, and public institutions

💧 Compliance

AB 1572 is now California law. Planning your transition early will provide early access to rebates and avoid future fines

WHAT IS NONFUNCTIONAL TURF

Nonfunctional turf refers to irrigated lawn that is ornamental and not regularly used for recreation or public gatherings. If the landscaper is the only person who walks on the grass, it's likely nonfunctional. Below are some examples:

- ✔ Decorative lawn along sidewalks, building edges or fences
- ✔ Unused patches of turf near signage or building entries
- ✔ Sloped lawn areas
- ✔ Grass in medians, roundabouts, parking lots, or entry signage zones

THE RESTRICTION DOES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Properties owned by local governments
- Commercial, industrial, and institutional (CII) properties
- Homeowners associations (HOAs) and common areas

THE RESTRICTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Nonfunctional turf areas that are irrigated with recycled water.
- Turf used for recreation. This means that where recycled water is not available, drinking water can still be used on school fields, sports fields and areas regularly used for civic or community events, multifamily residential properties, and cemeteries.
- Single-family residential properties including those located in HOAs. Residential customers can still water their yards in accordance with RWDs conservation mandates.
- Exceptions made for tree health.

DEFINITIONS

Nonfunctional Turf- Any common area turf that is decorative and has no other functions.

Functional Turf- Common area turf located in a recreational use area or community gathering space.

Common Area- Area that is not assigned for exclusive use of the occupants of an individual dwelling unit within the property.

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QUESTIONS ABOUT AB 1572

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