

# Eliminate Watering of Non-Functional Turf

Commercial, Industrial and Institutional



On Oct. 14, 2023, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation co-sponsored by Metropolitan to prohibit the use of potable water to irrigate grass that is not used for recreation or other purposes – also known as non-functional turf – on commercial, industrial, municipal and institutional properties.

## What is Non-Functional Turf?

Non-functional turf means grass that is not regularly used for recreational purposes or for civic or community events.

## Timeline

Non-residential properties, including homeowner associations, must adhere to the statewide ban beginning January 2027. Cemeteries and multifamily housing are exempt.

## What Not to Water?

- Highway/street medians and parkways
- Turf surrounding office buildings and in parking lots
- Turf on sloped areas not suitable for recreational use



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# What are the Exceptions?

- ✓ Residential properties and apartment buildings
- ✓ Properties that irrigate with recycled water
- ✓ Golf courses and cemeteries if using recycled water
- ✓ Trees or non-turf plants
- ✓ Sports fields and parks



## Diverse, Lush and Colorful

Turf replacement reduces water usage on any given site by up to 80%. From lilacs to dudleyas, the options for California Friendly® plants are endless. Replace your grass and be the role model among your community by contributing to its vibrancy and sustainability.



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### TURF REBATE

Get \$2 or more per square foot to convert up to 5,000 square feet of turf grass with drought tolerant landscaping. Reserve your commercial rebate at [bewaterwise.com/turf](http://bewaterwise.com/turf).



### GROUNDCOVERS

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