

FOR CONTRACTORS

CALIFORNIA DROUGHT

As we are all painfully aware, California is in a severe drought. In early April, Governor Brown announced statewide mandatory water reductions. The state will be taking actions to save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies that will make California more drought-resilient. To learn more about the drought, please visit <http://ca.gov/drought/>

One of the new prohibitions is the washing of sidewalks and driveways. Since the power washing of the exterior of buildings is customary and usual in our trade, we contacted the State Water Resources Control Board. A representative of the WRCB advises that the **state's** mandatory water reductions will not prohibit the power washing of the exterior of residential and commercial buildings. **However, local authorities might have greater prohibitions, so you will need to check with the city or county in which you are working to determine any local restrictions on power washing.**

Please forward to the [PDCC office](#) any local restrictions you encounter.

Some members have expressed an interest in reducing water usage in the prepping of the exterior of buildings. If you have any recommendations, please send them to the [PDCC office](#).

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