

# RECYCLED WATER USES\* ALLOWED IN CALIFORNIA

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Recycled Water Use	Treatment Level			
	Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water	Disinfected Secondary 2.2 Recycled Water	Disinfected Secondary 2.3 Recycled Water	Undisinfected Secondary Recycled Water
<b>Irrigation for:</b>				
Food crops where recycled water contacts the edible portion of the crop, including all root crops	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Parks and playgrounds				
School grounds				
Residential landscaping				
Unrestricted-access golf courses				
Any other irrigation uses not specifically prohibited by other provisions of the <b>California Code of Regulations</b>				
Food crops, surface-irrigated, above-ground edible portion, not contacted by recycled water		ALLOWED		
Cemetaries			ALLOWED	
Freeway landscaping				
Restricted-access golf courses				
Ornamental nursery stock and sod farms with unrestricted public access				
Pasture for milk animals for human consumption				
Nonedible vegetation with access control to prevent use as a park, playground or school grounds				
Orchards with no contact between edible portion and recycled water				ALLOWED
Vineyards with no contact between edible portion and recycled water				
Non food-bearing trees, including Christmas trees not irrigated less than 14 days before harvest				
Fodder and fiber crops and pasture for animals not producing milk for human consumption				
Seed crops not eaten by humans				
Food crops undergoing commercial pathogen-destroying processing before consumption by humans				
Ornamental nursery stock, sod farms not irrigated less than 14 days before harvest				
<b>Supply for impoundment:</b>				
Nonrestricted recreational impoundments, with supplemental monitoring for pathogenic organisms	ALLOWED <sup>2</sup>	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Restricted recreational impoundments and publicly accessible fish hatcheries	ALLOWED	ALLOWED		
Landscape impoundments without decorative fountains			ALLOWED	
<b>Supply for cooling or air conditioning:</b>				
Industrial or commercial cooling or air conditioning involving cooling tower, evaporative condenser, or spraying that creates a mist	ALLOWED <sup>3</sup>	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Industrial or commercial cooling or air conditioning not involving cooling tower, evaporative condenser, or spraying that creates a mist	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	

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<b>Other Uses:</b>				
<b>Groundwater Recharge</b>	<b>ALLOWED under special case-by-case permits by the RWQCB<sup>4</sup></b>			
Flushing toilets and urinals	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Priming drain traps				
Industrial process water that may contact workers				
Structural fire fighting				
Decorative fountains				
Commercial laundries				
Consolidation of backfill material around potable water pipelines				
Artificial snow making for commercial outdoor use				
Commercial car washes, not heating the water, excluding the general public from the washing process				
Industrial process water that will not come into contact with workers		ALLOWED	ALLOWED	
Industrial boiler feed				
Nonstructural fire fighting				
Backfill consolidation around nonpotable piping				
Soil compaction				
Mixing concrete				
Dust control on roads and streets				
Cleaning roads, sidewalks and outdoor work areas				
Flushing sanitary sewers				ALLOWED

\* Refer to the full text of the December 2, 2000 version Title 22: California Water Recycling Criteria. This chart is only an informal summary of the uses allowed in this version. Adapted for use in Site Supervisor Training Workshops by South Bay Water Recycling, San Jose, California. October 29, 2002. Jerry Brown, Coordinator, Site Supervisor Training. The complete and final 12/02/2000 version of the adopted criteria can be downloaded from:

[http://dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwenm/publications/regulations/recycleregs\\_index.htm](http://dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwenm/publications/regulations/recycleregs_index.htm)

<sup>2</sup> With "Conventional tertiary treatment". Additional monitoring for two years or more is necessary with direct filtration.

<sup>3</sup> Drift eliminators and/or biocides are required if public or employees can be exposed to mist.

<sup>4</sup> Refer to Groundwater Recharge Guidelines, available from the California Department of Health Services.