

From: [Jane McGrew](#)
To: [CityCouncilListPublic](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: proposed 20% water use reduction
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Subject: proposed 20% water use reduction
Date: 2021-06-28 11:05
From: Jane McGrew <mspacrat@sonic.net>
To: Jack Tibbetts <hjtibbetts@srcity.org>

Dear Mr. Tibbetts,

I read in the Press Democrat that Santa Rosa City Council is considering a mandatory 20% water use reduction for residents. Instead, please consider instituting a gallons-per-household-member restriction. This is much more fair to those of us who have been conserving water for many years. A percentage reduction favors those who use water more liberally over those who conserve.

Please see this opinion piece: <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/opinion/close-to-home-in-rationing-water-dont-punish-conservation/>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane McGrew, District 3 resident

 Santa Rosa, CA 95409

From: [Sky Matula](#)
To: [City Council Public Comments](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Water Reductions and Restrictions, Thank You.
Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:05:58 PM

June 28, 2021

To Santa Rosa City Council,

Water is precious and we are certainly in drought. I appreciate the need to put into place restrictions and reductions in water use.

That said, I represent The Hot Tub Store and approximately 30,000 local customers who rely on the wellness benefits they receive from their backyard hot tubs. There are several other hot tub companies in the Santa Rosa area also that represent approximately 50,000 customers who regularly use their hot tubs for health and wellness.

As important water restrictions and reductions are put in place later this summer, the council should be aware of how hot tubs save water:

- A hot tub is filled and uses the same water for 4-6 months or longer.
- Hot tubs have insulative covers that keep the heat in and reduce evaporation.
- Minimal topping off is required as water is splashed out from regular use.
- Hot tubs, unlike showers and bathtubs, use the same water for many many months.
- Soaking in the hot tub prior to showering heats the user to the core and reduces the time that they stand in the shower to warm up. This reduces the amount of water that goes down the shower drain.
- Soaking in a hot tub makes filling the bathtub unnecessary, saving hundreds of gallons from going down the drain.
- When it is finally time to change the water in a hot tub, usually after 4+ months use, the water is safe to use to irrigate landscaping, so the water is not actually wasted.
- In hot summer months, the temperature can be turned down to just under body temperature and can be used to cool off. This helps eliminate the need to take a cool

shower saving hundreds of gallons from going down the drain.

- Salt water hot tubs save even more water because the water can last for up to a full year without being changed.

There are countless health and wellness benefits that hot tubs provide. Our customers rely on the warm water immersion, hydrotherapy, and stress reducing effects their hot tubs provide. I am hopeful that as we get further into the summer months and more water restrictions are needed, that you will remember that hot tubs actually save water. Please continue to allow our local residents to regularly use their water saving hot tubs for health and wellness.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for helping all of us to be conscientious and water wise citizens.

I appreciate the importance of saving water and thank you for your hard decisions to conserve water.

Learn more about how hot tubs save water:

<https://hottubstore.com/2021/06/23/how-hot-tubs-save-water/>

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Learn more about how hot tubs provide health and wellness benefits:

Why we say AHH - Dr. Bruce Becker <https://vimeo.com/356725288/9d1c98c846>

Benefits of Frequent use – Dr. Becker <https://vimeo.com/356725056/f44473f462>

Thank you,

Make the best of every day!

Sky Matula

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