

New Watering
Rules – And You
Thought COVID
Guidelines Were
Confusing?



The Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power have both issued highly-needed actions to reduce outdoor water use. However — no surprise — the guidelines are contradictory and confusing. MWD's unprecedented declaration of a water shortage emergency restricts outdoor watering to just *one day a week* for approximately six million people in parts of Los Angeles, Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the new restrictions will take effect June 1 and apply to areas that depend on water from the drought-ravaged State Water Project.

Meanwhile, last week, LADWP announced *two-day-a-week* watering restrictions, with an eight-minute limit, also effective on June 1. Martin Adams, LADWP general manager and chief engineer, noted that people who don't comply with the new rules will receive a warning, followed by escalating fines for each subsequent violation.

The LADWP guidelines still need to be approved by the Los Angeles City Council.

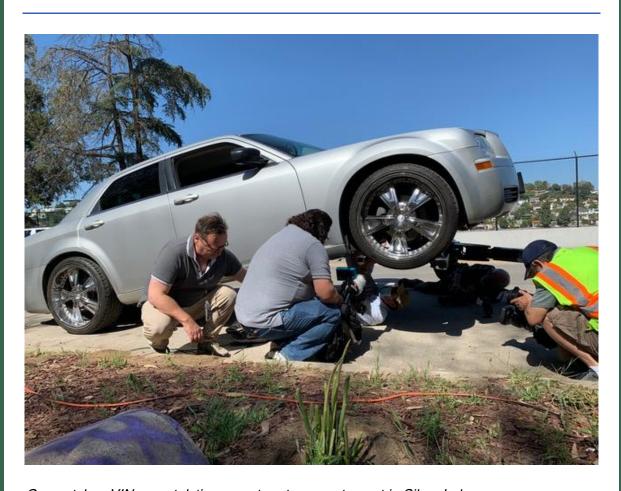
The Los Angeles Times reported that, "Under the LADWP rules, residents will be assigned two watering days a week based on their addresses — Monday and Friday for odd addresses and Thursday and Sunday for even ones — with watering capped at only eight minutes, or 15 minutes for sprinklers with water-conserving nozzles. No watering will be allowed between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. regardless of the watering days."

We told you it was confusing.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MWD RESTRICTIONS HERE

AND HERE

LADWP PRESS RELEASE



Crew etches VIN on catalytic converter at a recent event in Silver Lake.

Free VIN Etching for Catalytic Converters Available in Eagle Rock on May 19

Based on the success of LAPD's first VIN (vehicle identification number) catalytic

converter etching event in Silver Lake, the department is holding a second event this **Thursday, May 19, at Eagle Rock Plaza**, **2700 Colorado Boulevar**d. The free etching will begin at 10 a.m. and appointments are not required.

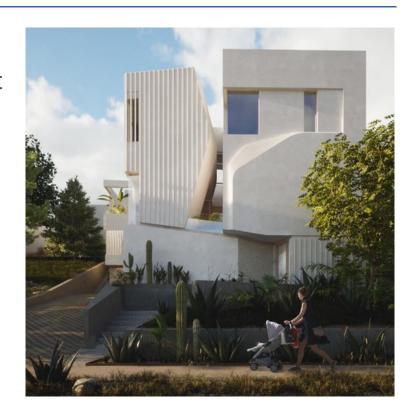
LAPD's first catalytic converter etching was held on April 6 in Silver Lake. The free etching, co-sponsored by LAPD's Northeast Division, CD 13 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, and Silver Lake Together, was created by LAPD to protect vehicle owners from the theft of catalytic converters that contain platinum and other precious metals.

This year alone, just under 200 catalytic converters were reported as stolen in the Northeast Division, which includes Atwater Village, Silver Lake, Highland Park and Eagle Rock.

Silver Lake's Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez reported that 120 vehicles were etched on the April 6.

Ivan Hill / Glendale Project Called "A Step Above"

Small home project recommended between Ivan Hill Terrace and Glendale Boulevard



A three-unit small home project at 2555 Ivan Hill Terrace was recently approved by Silver Lake's Urban Design and Preservation Advisory Committee (UDP). The project spans a steeply sloping site between Ivan Hill Terrace and Glendale Boulevard. An existing, mid-century home on Ivan Hill is to remain, with the new homes sited behind it and invisible from Ivan Hill. The new homes will be accessed from Glendale Boulevard.

Per zoning, the site could have accommodated more density. Nevertheless, the owner-developer decided to keep the site less dense and more open as he felt it more appropriate and sensitive to the site. The owner currently lives on site and plans to remain.

"The architecture of 2555 Ivan Hill is a step above many recent small home projects built in Silver Lake," said Scott Plante, co-chair of the UDP and co-founder Silver Lake Together. "Designed by locally-based Oyler-Wu Collaborative, the project is sensitively

sited in scale and planning."

Plante noted that the exterior materials march those of the original home as well as others in the neighborhood. The homes are punctuated by openings, intended to bring light into the site. Finally, the form of the massing and texture of the skin help alleviate and significantly improve what could have been a cookie cutter project—and, thankfully, is not. Instead, 2555 Ivan Hill carries on the tradition of thoughtfully designed and architecturally interesting homes.

Chris Waters Named Interim Captain at Northeast Division

LAPD Captain II Chris Waters



Experienced officer. Community leader. Mother and volunteer. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Captain II Chris Waters has been named the interim captain for Northeast Division, which includes Silver Lake. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Captain Waters joined the department as an LAPD Explorer (now known as Cadets) and entered the police academy on September 12, 1988. Her past assignments include patrol, central traffic, detectives, vice, Office of Operations and Civil Rights Integrity Division-CRID and Internal Affairs. She has also been adjutant to three deputy chiefs, a watch commander, vice officer-in-charge (OIC), homicide detective and the commanding officer of Commission Investigation Division, the regulatory arm of the Police Commission. A graduate of Loyola Marymount University, Captain Waters holds a master of arts degree from California State University at Dominguez Hills in behavioral science and is an active volunteer in her community and church.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CAPTAIN WATERS

New Crimes Stats for Silver Lake, Vendor

Enforcement at Reservoirs

Silver Lake Senior Lead Officer Jose Ramirez



According to SLO Jose Ramirez, new crime stats for Silver Lake and Franklin Hills (April 10 to May 7, 2022) show a decline in burglaries and burglaries from motor vehicles but a slight uptick in property crime. Stats for March 2 to April 6 were reported in the April 21 newsletter.

Crime statistics, April 10 to May 7

Homicide: 0 Rape: 0 Robbery: 2

Aggravated Assaults: 5
Gang Related Crimes: 1

Shots Fired: 1 Victim Shot: 0 Burglaries: 3 Theft: 11

Grand Theft Auto: 17

Burglary From Motor Vehicle: 25

Recovered Vehicles: 3

Violent Crimes: 3 Property Crimes: 11

Responding to concerns from area residents, LAPD is enforcing regulations for vendors working from mobile locations around the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. Officers are planning a second day to educate vendors, check permits, and warn vendors not to conduct unauthorized sales at the Reservoirs.

Primary Questions and Answers



Speaking of confusion, the primary election on June 7 is extremely important, with voters being asked to choose their favorites for governor, mayor, congress and more. And then there is the mystery of which judges are worthy of your vote. If you're like us, your mailbox is stuffed with flyers touting endorsements and accomplishments but too much information can be as confusing as too little. We did our homework and recommend this guide from Laist.com — from registering to vote to dropping off your mail-in ballot, they've got your questions about voting in the L.A. primary election covered.

READ THE LAIST.COM VOTING GUIDE

WE ALSO LIKE LAIST'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO CHOOSE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES. LEARN MORE HERE.

P.S. To add to the confusion, this morning, City Attorney Mike Feuer dropped out of the mayor's race.

READ ABOUT IT HERE



We Shall Not Be Moved

While May is all about moms, we think it's also the perfect month to celebrate all caregivers in our community. This interview from the Silver Lake History Collective introduces founders of The Echo Park-Silver Lake People's Childcare Center. The childcare center, which still exists on Lakeshore Avenue in Echo Park, started out in a garage on Vendome Street in Silver Lake. The center was founded by two women who saw a great need in for quality childcare for working families, especially single moms. When the City of L.A. threatened to evict the center from the garages across from Vendome Park, the staff took the children to City Hall where they sang in English and Spanish, "We Shall Not Be Moved (out of the garages)". The city ultimately provided a proper building that became a model for progressive childcare in California.

WATCH THE VIDEO

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