

Lead by example

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Back in November, I was driving past the Fresno District Fairground and noticed sprinklers watering the grass on the racetrack side at 11 o'clock in the morning. Occasionally, I still see sprinklers doing their thing on Highway 41 in town during the daylight hours. Publicly owned medians seem to get the same treatment.

If the city, county and state are asking us to conserve water because of the drought, they should lead by example. I know the state has announced it will cut back watering on public spaces — though it neglected to say whether fountains would be included. However, I haven't heard or read anything from our county or city to that effect.

I turned off my sprinklers two months ago. This spring, I will use gray water for my garden. I already take shorter showers (which leave me a bit grumpier than usual). Still, I feel like I am being asked to do more by those who don't follow their own advice.

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