

Definitions of Functional and Non-Functional Turf



Under the Executive Order N-7-22, to prevent the unreasonable use of water and to promote water conservation, **the use of potable water is prohibited for the irrigation of non-functional turf at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites (CII)**. Non-functional turf cannot be watered with potable water unless watering occurs directly under the canopy of a tree or shrub.



Example of functional turf.

Functional turf is defined as turf grass that is:

- Needed to serve a human function, including, use for recreational purposes, civic or community events.
- On the property of a single-family home.
- On the property of a park used for sport, gathering, or recreation.
- On a golf course used directly for sport (driving ranges, chipping, and putting greens, tee boxes, greens, fairways and rough).
- On a school field used for sport, gathering, or recreation.
- On a sports field.
- Needed for pet relief at veterinarian offices, boarding facilities and animal shelters.
- Within cemeteries used for visitation and gathering.
- A species of turf that has a plant factor ≤ 0.3 per the California Code of Regulations Section 491 Title 23.
- Watered directly beneath tree canopies and shrubs.



Example of non-functional turf.

Non-functional turf is irrigated lawn grass area not meeting the definition of functional turf.

Non-functional turf includes, but is not limited to:

- Streetscape turf:
 - » Along private or public streets, including turf that is owned and maintained by the city/ municipality (e.g., mow strips on either side of street).
 - » Along streetscape sidewalks (narrow spaces of turf that line the sidewalk).
 - » Along driveways and parking lots.
 - » Within community, and business streetscape frontage areas.
 - » Within medians and roundabouts.
- Turf that is solely ornamental.
- Other turf that is not functional turf, as defined on the left.



Example of CII non-functional lawn.

CII properties include, but are not limited to:



Homeowner association owned properties, common areas of mobile home parks, and apartment, condominium, and townhome complexes.



Manufacturing plants and facilities



Industrial and commercial construction sites



Retail and shopping malls



Hospitals



Religious institutions



Government facilities (including parks but not sports fields).



Restaurants



Grocery stores



Educational institutions



Sporting arenas



Office buildings



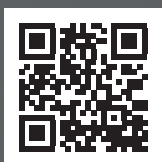
Other properties that provide commercial, industrial, and institutional services.

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