Hand-Watering Within Rules
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**Question:** Would you please clarify the definition of “hand-watering” under the new water restrictions. I have 6 rose bushes that need more than once watering per week. Can I hand-water them more often?

- Byron, e-mail

**Answer:** You can hand-water stressed plants when needed. However, you must use a hose with an automatic shut off nozzle. Yes, you can water your rose more than once a week as stipulated.

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