

Not Ready to Lose the Lawn?



Let your lawn tell you when to water! If your footprints do not remain visible on your lawn, you don't need to water it.

Your lawn may not look perfect but will do well with two days of watering per week. To make every drop count, water deeply and avoid runoff by applying 3 or more short irrigation cycles (4 am, 5 am, 6 am). Deep and infrequent watering maintains a healthy root system and reduces weed infestation (as opposed to light and frequent irrigation, which promotes shallow roots and germination of weed seeds). By watering multiple short irrigation cycles between 9 pm and 7 am, you will be helping keep a healthy lawn while also better managing our precious resource.

It's best to mow at a height of 3 to 3-1/2 inches. Longer grass blades increase the depth of the root system, shade the soil, and help drought tolerance.

Check your sprinklers, make sure you are only watering the lawn, not driveways, sidewalks, or roads.

Quotable Quotes:



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”

Helen Keller

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Average Water Usage for the month: Compare the usage on your water bill with the average of the District. July's Average: 8,300 cubic feet.

Public Hearing

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:

The next Regularly Scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be a Public Hearing to address the proposed rate increases. This meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm., at the District Office. The public is encouraged to attend.

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DISTRICT INFORMATION

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1 pm to 5 pm**

HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD YOU BE USING?



As you know the District has asked that you voluntarily conserve 15% of your usage from last year. To help you in successfully conserving water, we have enhanced our monthly bill.

Starting this month, we have included a new line:

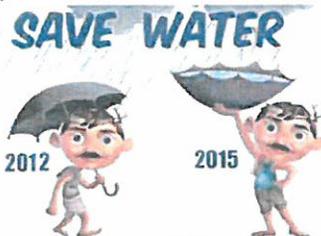
GOAL USAGE FOR NEXT MONTH

This is the suggested amount of water you should use in the upcoming month. This number is calculated by reducing the next month's usage from 2013 by 15%, rounded to the nearest 100.

For example: If you used 2,000 cubic feet in August of 2013, we ask that you conserve water by using 1,700 cubic feet or less in August 2014.

Our goal is to provide as much information as necessary for you to be successful during this drought.

If you have a suggestion that enhances our monthly bill or newsletter, please contact the District Office. We would appreciate hearing from you.



DROUGHT WATCH

We are successfully conserving 14% of our 2013 usage; and for the month of July, we are conserving 17% as compared to July 2013.

How are you doing it? Customers are changing habits, changing out water-thirsty landscapes (or watering them less), modifying their irrigation timing, changing out wasteful fixtures for more WaterSmart versions, **and finding and repairing leaks.** Leaks can waste hundreds of gallons or more per household per day.

Recently, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted emergency regulations pertaining to the drought for all Californians. **The following are prohibited activities that are subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 per day:**

1. Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to flow onto walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures.
2. Using a water hose without a nozzle that ceases dispensing water immediately when not in use.
3. Using water to wash driveways and/or sidewalks.
4. Using a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.

The District's Resource and Planning Committee will review the adopted regulations and present their recommendations to the Board at the August Meeting. Please watch for updates in future newsletters.

We do not know when this drought will end. But we do know the more you save today, the more prepared we'll be if next winter is as dry as the last.

We thank you for your cooperation and ask that you please continue your 15% voluntary conservation efforts.

A Word From Fire Chief Luntey:



As of this writing we have a major fire 8,000+ acres (Bully) still burning 18 miles west of us. It has now surpassed the Clover Fire in acres burned. Unfortunately, this may be a sign of things to come. The National Fire Danger Rating System has our fuel levels at maximum and record levels. So please be very aware of the danger when you are outside using power equipment. Ninety percent of all wildfires are caused by people. Please visit the One Less Spark webpage for additional information.

<http://www.preventwildfireca.org/OneLessSpark/>

We recently received a donation of \$500 and 5 Jamba Juice gift cards. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Year to date our run totals are as follows: 4 Structure Fires, 25 Medical Aids, 6 Vegetation Fires, 4 Traffic Collisions, 3 Public Assist, 7 Smoke Checks & 1 City of Redding Station Cover.



We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested and would like some information please come by on a training night, Tuesdays from 6p-10p. We would be happy to talk to you.