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SPRING 2008

Three Easy Ways to Save Water and Money

Even though we've had normal amounts of rainfall this year, many problems facing the water supply remain. Concerns for endangered species and the overall health of the Sacramento Delta ecosystem limit the amount of water that can be pumped out and delivered to Southern California.

It's important to Make Every Drop Count. And, since most of our water is used outdoors, doing just three easy things can make a huge difference in conserving our precious water supply.

Adjust your sprinklers. Up to 70 percent of residential water use goes to maintaining our yards. Take a minute or two off your sprinkler timer. Do a weekly check for broken or clogged sprinkler heads and replace them right away. Also, make sure you are watering your yard and not the driveway or sidewalk.

Fix those leaks. Just a drip can waste more than 10,000 gallons per month and often a 25-cent washer can fix the problem. A leaking flapper on a toilet not only wastes water, but also increases flows to the water treatment plant.

Plant native species or drought-tolerant plants. Many of the lawns and plants we use are not intended for the unique climate in Southern California. Visit your local nursery and ask for native plants that work well in your area. See the Wildflower Hotline story for more information.

NATIONAL DRINKING WATER WEEK

Celebrate National Drinking Water Week May 4 - 10, 2008. National Drinking Water Week aims to increase awareness of the effects of individual actions on water quality.

Only 1 percent of all water on Earth can be used for cooking, drinking and other domestic uses. While our demand for water continues to grow, our supplies do not.

So take a moment during National Drinking Water Week to think about all our water does for us and make a decision not to waste or pollute it.

FREE Water-Use Survey

Do you want to do your part to save water, but you're not sure how? The Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts offer customers FREE in-home water-use evaluations that can help identify leaks, and provide and install free water-saving devices such as faucet aerators and shower heads. All customers (including businesses) can request a free water-use survey!

Once you've signed up, a District representative will arrange a convenient time to visit the site to identify areas where water is being wasted, provide a customized outdoor watering schedule, and make recommendations about the most effective ways to save water and bring water bills down. These free surveys find sources of wasted water you never knew existed and make it easy to do your part to help conserve. In fact, customers who have had a water survey use an average of 10 percent less water than they did the year before!

Call or email today to schedule a Free Water Use Survey!

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March through May (818) 768-3533

The California Wildflower Hotline will be in bloom from March through May 2008.

Call the Theodore Payne 24-Hour Wildflower Hotline at (818)768-3533 or visit www.theodorepayne.org to find the best places to view wildflowers in California. The hotline message is narrated by Emmy Award-winning actor Joe Spano and is updated every Thursday evening with new information on more than 90 wildflower sites.

The Wildflower Hotline button on the Theodore Payne Foundation website (www.theodorepayne.org) takes you to weekly reports with the common and botanical name of each flower, where and when it is blooming, and links to dozens of flower-viewing destinations.

To learn more about wildflowers and other native and low-water use plants, and find native plant sales and garden tours, visit the Metropolitan Water District Gardening website at www.bewaterwise.com/knowledge01.html, the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District website at www.avrcd.org, or the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council site at www.theplantprofiler.com/.

Remember, native plants are a beautiful way to save water!

Let us know

To report water leaks or nuisance water running into the street, call

(800)675-HELP

Please provide an address or general location for our Waterworks crews to investigate.



NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN!

Unused prescription and over-the-counter medications that are washed down the sink or flushed down the toilet pollute the environment and can be harmful to fish and wildlife. So please dispose of unused prescription drugs, pain relievers, cough syrups and other medications properly:

- Taken them to a free Household Hazardous Waste collection center or event. Find one near you by calling 1(888)CLEAN LA or visiting 888CleanLA.com
- Put them in a sturdy, securely sealed container, then in a trash can where children and animals can't reach them.

For more information, visit www.nodrugsdowndrain.org.

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