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DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU
Los Angeles County
Waterworks Districts' Quarterly Newsletter

SAVE WATER - SAVE MONEY

FAQ

Improve water use efficiency...

Are you interested in finding ways that you can conserve water, save money, and help protect the environment? Every drop of water that you don't use in Malibu or Topanga will save you on your water bill and can potentially be left in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to maintain the natural ecosystem. Water that is wasted as overspray from your sprinklers potentially transports waste and debris from the sidewalk and street to the ocean.

Here are several ideas that you can consider to improve water use efficiency.



If you are a homeowner or business owner...

Consider replacing your old toilets or clothes washers for significant annual water savings. The West Basin Municipal Water District offers rebates when you purchase an ultra low flush toilet or high-efficiency washing machine. For more information e-mail gusm@wcbwater.org or visit www.west-basin.org/programs.php/.



If your school would like to get involved...

Field trips and rebate programs are available to schools in the West Basin's service area. For more information please check out the education link on West Basin's website. <http://www.westbasin.org/protector.php>

Schedule a free water use survey...

The District is currently providing water use surveys. At no cost to you, a professional water conservation specialist will visit you at your home or business to help identify ways that you can conserve water both indoors and outdoors. Call (866) 648-2925 or email conserve@water-wise-consulting.com to schedule a survey.



If you are also interested in ways to save money for your business...

Consider installing a "smart" irrigation controller for your landscaping. These controllers determine the amount of water your landscaping requires and irrigates it appropriately. Rebates are available to offset the initial cost of this new technology. More information is available at <http://www.mwdsave-abuck.com/>.

When is the best time to water my lawn?

The best time for watering is in the early morning. The cooler temperature reduces the amount of evaporation.

How many gallons of water are represented by each "unit" on the water bill?

Each billing unit is equal to 100 cubic feet of water or 748 gallons.



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DIGALERT

800-227-2600

As California continues to grow, so does the important infrastructure that we depend on which is buried underground. Just about anywhere you dig there could be an underground facility lying in wait. With this being the case, how do you avoid hitting them?

Call The Toll Free Number Two Days Before You Dig

Water leaks can drain your pockets!

An undiscovered water leak can quickly cost you hundreds of dollars. Customers often find they have a leak after a long time, when the water has already caused significant damage to their homes. When this happens, customers are left paying not only to fix the leak and any damage caused by it, but also for the water that went to waste.

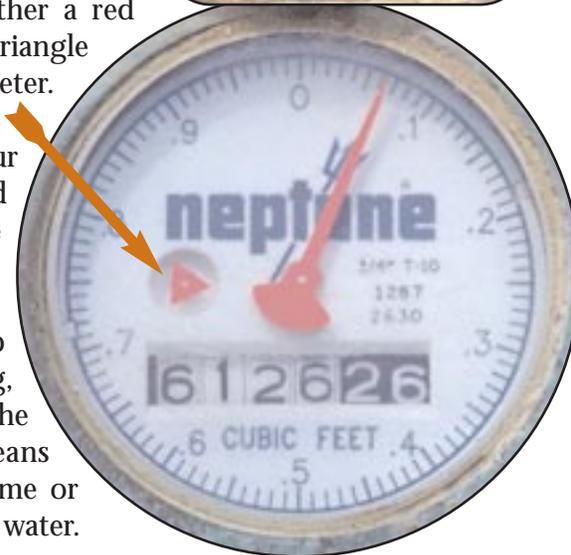
Regularly checking for leaks (at least twice a year) is the best way to avoid costly bills. You can do this by following three easy steps. Here's how:

1. Find your water meter. It's usually near your driveway next to the street in a small underground concrete box. Clean off any debris or dirt so you can see the meter's dials and numbers.

2. Make sure no water is being used in your home. Turn off the sprinklers, washing machine, and dishwasher, and ask everyone in your home not to use the toilet, hoses, faucets, shower, or anything else that uses water while you're checking the meter.

3. Check for movement on the meter's dial. There is either a red sweep hand or a red triangle under the glass on your meter.

If there is no leak at your home, the red sweep hand or triangle will not be moving because no water is passing through the meter. If the red sweep hand or triangle is rotating, water is passing through the meter, which either means there is a leak at your home or that someone is still using water.



For more information on locating and repairing leaks, visit www.h2ouse.org/action/ or contact the local District office.

SMART GARDENING

It's springtime again! Are you considering redoing or changing your landscaping? There are lots of ideas for "smart gardening" available on our website. Visit <http://www.smartgardening.com/> for information on composting, fire-wise and water-wise gardening and recycling. You can also visit the Metropolitan Water District's websites:

<http://www.mwdh2o.com/> or <http://www.bewaterwise.com/> for lists of native plants for your area, advice and directions for setting your irrigation controller, information on local nurseries that stock native and low water using plants, instructional videos, and much more.



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