



The Water Faucet

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Check out our website. You can obtain water conservation information and rebate forms!

www.westboroughwater.com

Free dye strips to test for toilet leaks are available at the District Office.



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Congratulations to Westborough Water District Customers!

The Board of Directors of the Westborough Water District would like to commend its customers for their water conservation efforts. In a recent survey, of the 25 water agencies that purchase water from the San Francisco Public Utility Commission, **the Westborough Water District had the lowest water consumption per capita of all the agencies.** ☺

Sewer Service Charge on Property Tax Bill

The amount of water you consumed during January/February 2010 will be used to determine your annual sewer charge on your property tax bill for 2010/2011 effective July 1, 2010. **If you experienced high usage during this period due to an emergency or uncontrollable event, please submit a written request to the District for possible adjustment no later than May 1, 2010.** ☺

The Bay Begins at Your Front Door!

You may live miles from San Francisco Bay and still pollute the Bay water. Many pollutants are washed down the gutters and storm drains by rain and other runoff. Storm drains flow directly to creeks and the Bay without treatment. Storm water pollution has become the leading cause of water pollution in the Bay.

Where does storm water pollution come from? Such pollution results from: motor oil, auto fluids, antifreeze, paint, and household cleaners dumped in the gutter, as well as air pollution carried by rain. It may also come from weed killers, fertilizers and pesticides that are washed off lawns. Be sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions for use and storage of all toxic products, including paints, cleaners, and solvents.

Use the Household Hazardous Waste Program for pesticides, toxic garden & cleaning products, oil based paint, varnishes, stains, etc. Free drop off – by appointment only - (650) 363-4718 or www.smhealth.org/hhw.

Cooking oil and grease can be recycled for free at the North San Mateo County Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 153 Lake Merced Boulevard in Daly City.

Waste Alert – Contact: California Environmental Protection Agency (800) 69-TOXIC.

You are the solution to water pollution! ☺

10 Tips for Saving Water in Your Home

1. With all faucets closed, check your water meter for movement. If the meter is moving, you have a leak.
2. Don't leave the water running while washing dishes. Fill a pan to wash and rinse dishes.
3. Install low flow aerators in your kitchen and bathroom. This can reduce your water use by about 4%. Inquire about FREE aerators at the District office.
4. Replace your old showerhead with a new efficient model that uses 2.0 gallons per minute or less. Did you know that your showerhead and aerator has the actual gallons per minute printed on them? Inquire about a FREE showerhead at the District office.
5. Limit showers to time it takes to lather up, wash down and rinse. Running an inefficient showerhead can waste almost 4 gallons per minute.

YOUR DISTRICT:

The Westborough Water District board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the District office. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

The current Board members are:
President Tom Chambers
Vice President Perry Bautista
Directors:
William Lopez, Janet Medina, and Robert Craig.

6. Toilets are the largest water user in the home. New high efficiency toilet model flushes 1.28 gallons or less while older ones can use up to 6 gallons per flush. The District offers a one-time \$50 rebate per toilet for replacing your old toilet(s).
7. Over time the flapper in your toilet becomes worn and begins to leak. Leaky flappers are the most common undetected leaks in the house.
8. Remember your toilet is not a trash can and do not flush trash down the toilet.
9. Upgrade to an efficient clothes washing machine. High efficiency washer can reduce water and energy use up to 40%. The District offers a one-time \$75 washing machine rebate.
10. Wash only full loads of laundry and you will save water and energy cost. ⌘

Indoor and Outdoor Water Regulations

To comply with new state regulations and to reduce future water demands, the Westborough Water District recently approved Indoor and Outdoor Water Ordinances. The adoption and enforcement of the ordinances were necessary to manage the District's water supply in the short and long-term and to avoid or minimize the effect of drought and shortage within the District.

The State Legislature passed Senate Bill 7, requiring water suppliers to reduce per capita water use by 20% by the year 2020.

Indoor Use Ordinance - The Ordinance specifies that many remodeling projects replace plumbing fixtures with water conservation fixtures.

Outdoor Use Ordinance - The Ordinance applies to new construction and rehabilitated landscapes with irrigated landscape areas of over 1,000 square feet.

You can request a copy of the ordinances from the District or download a copy from the District's website at <http://www.westboroughwater.com/conservation.htm> ⌘