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Presentation Item 8




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Monterey Peninsula
Water Conservation
Program Update

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Accomplishments

- California American Water provided a presentation to the Carmel Foundation in early August. The presentation covered the local conservation program, including water waste and landscape and indoor use and the local rate structure.
- A new school activity book on local water supply and conservation has been completed and is being provided to local schools. The workbook was a joint project of MPWMD and California American Water.
- California American Water is currently undertaking a Rain Sensor installation program for its high use and dedicated irrigation meter customers.



Summer weather is finally here. We need to carefully watch how we use water during the hot, dry months.



The following tips will help you reduce your water use and save you money.

Reminder

Warmer Weather + Outdoor Irrigation = High H₂O Bill

High water bills are caused mostly by irrigation

- Schedule irrigation systems to operate at night on your odd/even watering days
- Check to be sure that irrigation systems are not overwatering or letting water run to waste
- Regularly inspect for leaks and other needed adjustments
- Replace water thirsty plants and flowers with beautiful drought tolerant varieties

Water Winners

- Take advantage of efficient irrigation technology
 - Soil moisture sensors
 - Rain sensors
 - High efficiency rotator sprinkler nozzles
- Don't just do better, do differently!

Water Waste

Did you know that the following actions are considered Water Waste and can result in a fine?

- Allowing excess water to run to waste. Use water responsibly and don't let it run off site.
- Irrigating your landscaping with a sprinkler between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or hand-watering without a quick acting Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzle. (Exceptions to using sprinklers are made for professional gardeners that are on site).

Free Assistance

Avoid being a Water Waster:

- Positive Action Shut-Off Nozzles are available FREE at the District office and at California American Water
- Other water-saving devices, such as low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and toilet leak detectors are also available.
- California American Water offers FREE Water Wise House Calls. Call 646-3205 to schedule one today! Find out how you can save water in your home.

Thank you!

Monterey Peninsula
water users are
leaders when it
comes to efficient
water use.

Please continue to
make every drop
count!

Local Water Conservation Information Sources

Local Conservation Information website

www.montereywaterinfo.org

District's website

www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us

California American Water's website

www.amwater.com/caaw

Water Awareness Committee's website

www.waterawareness.org

Water Conservation specialists are also available to answer conservation questions at the District's Conservation and Permit office at (831-658-5601)