



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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State Mandatory 8% Water Reduction



The State Water Board Emergency Conservation Regulation, which is set to expire next year, requires the District to reduce its water consumption by 8%. The mandatory reduction may be continued to at least October 31, 2016, if drought conditions persist through January 2016. The District must use 8% less water than our 2013 water use. January and February will be our most challenging period because customers already conserve during these two months in order to lower their sewer service charge. We must now conserve even more water due to the State mandated water reduction. Should the District not meet the State's mandatory 8% water reduction, penalties may be imposed. **Please continue to conserve water!** ♻️

Will El Niño Solve California's Drought?

With the threat of El Niño this winter, it is not expected to solve 4 years of drought in California. In recent weeks, conditions have increased for what forecasters say could be one of the strongest El Niño weather patterns on record.

Experts stress that El Niño is notoriously unpredictable, and when the storms hit the state, they're prone to soaking the southern third of California. While more than 75 percent of the demand for irrigation and drinking water is in the southern portion of the state; California's water supply, delivery system and most of its reservoir capacity is in the north.

We are much better off if it rains in the north than in the south. State officials say that this year recorded the warmest high-elevation temperatures in over 120 years of record keeping which reduced the amount of snow. Less snow pack means reduced water supplies and warmer temperatures mean more water loss due to evaporation.

El Niño usually produces rain over southern and central California where it floods rivers and streets and then runs off into the ocean, making only a small dent in the drought. Climate scientists warn that even a good El Niño year is unlikely to solve California's water deficit. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Meteorologist estimate that every region of the state would need to have record shattering rain. The rain and snow would need to reach northern California to fill some of the state's primary reservoirs and increase the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Much of the water from El Niño is funneled directly into the ocean rather than being captured and used. ♻️

Water Rate Survey

As of October 1, 2015, this is a comparison of surrounding agencies water rates:

AGENCY	15 Units	20 Units	25 Units
City of Daly City	\$87.47	\$112.87	\$145.22
Westborough Water District	\$101.35	\$130.90	\$160.45
North Coast County Water	\$100.66	\$141.21	\$184.36
City of Millbrae	\$111.75	\$139.00	\$166.25
City of San Bruno	\$115.59	\$152.19	\$200.99
California Water Service	\$116.60	\$152.66	\$188.72
Mid Peninsula Water	\$160.50	\$205.50	\$255.00
Coastside County Water	\$183.48	\$240.93	\$301.08
AVERAGE	\$114.78	\$150.08	\$188.44

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:
Perry Bautista

Vice President:
David Irwin

Directors:
William Lopez,
Janet Medina,
and Tom Chambers.

FREE Water Audit


The Westborough Water District offers free water audits. The average household usage is 4-6 units per person, per billing period. If your bill is higher than the average for the number of people living in your home, you may want to consider having a free water audit. If a leak is detected, the District will estimate the cost of the leak over a 60-day billing period. The District has free dye strips that can be used to test your toilet for leaks. You can find out information on how to test your plumbing for leaks on our District's website. 




Washing Machine Rebate



As of January 1, 2014, the Westborough Water District's Washing Machine Rebate Program managed through the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) for all new purchases will reimburse customers \$50 to \$125 depending on the type of washing machine you purchase. For more information, please go to:

<http://bawasca.org/water-conservation/residential-water-conservation-programs/high-efficiency-toilet-rebate-program/>. 

New Credit Card Computer Chip

The global standard for credit cards now is for them to be equipped with a computer chip technology used to authenticate transactions. In the wake of numerous large scale data breaches and increasing counterfeit fraud, credit card companies have issued new credit cards with a computer chip. If you signed up for auto web payment for your water bill using your credit card, please remember to update your credit card information online at <http://westboroughwater.com>. 



The District has a Notary Public on duty that can notarize documents you may have for a fee of \$10 per signature. Feel free to take advantage of this service. **Calling in advance is strongly recommended.**

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