

OCCIDENTAL COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NEWS

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There's a Drought On. Turn the Water Off.
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Help beat the drought

Sanitation District water saving rebate programs available

Your sanitation district would like to remind you that our region is still in a drought. The drought impacts everyone's water supplies. In particular, the drought has brought water supply capacities in both of our region's two primary reservoirs, Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino, to near historic lows. The drought is also impacting local groundwater resources. Without knowing when sufficient rainfall will come, we all must do our part to help save every drop of water.

As a sanitation customer, you have some water saving tools at your finger tips! Please take advantage of the following water saving programs which are offered on a first-come, first-served basis while funding lasts :

Clothes Washer Rebate – Receive up to \$125 back on the purchase and installation of a new, qualifying high-efficiency clothes washer (HEW). Rebates are available for all Energy Star Most Efficient listed clothes washers except those containing silver ion technology. A \$75 rebate may also be available from PG&E.

Toilet Rebate – Get up to \$150 back on the purchase and installation of each new, qualifying high-efficiency toilet (HET) from the List of Qualifying Models.

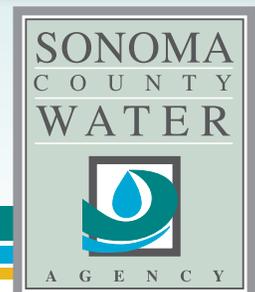
High-Efficiency Fixture Direct Install Program

A limited number of high-efficiency fixture retrofits, including toilet, urinal, faucet aerator and showerhead replacements, are offered at no cost to eligible properties.

Download rebate application forms and learn more at www.sonomacountywater.org/sanitation-rebates or call (707) 547-1918.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO SEE HOW EASILY YOU CAN DECREASE YOUR WATER USAGE	SAVINGS IN GALLONS PER DAY
Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1-3 mins.	100-165
Don't leave water running when rinsing dishes	5-10
Turn off water when brushing teeth	4
Shorten showers	10
Fix leaky toilets	30-50 per toilet
Replace older, inefficient clothes washers	20-30

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Composting Toilet Pilot Program

The District is seeking volunteers for a pilot program for composting toilets. The pilot program will allow the District to evaluate the use of composting toilets, which use little or no water. The pilot program is offered at no cost to the homeowner. For more information, contact Doug Messenger at douglas.messenger@scwa.ca.gov or (707) 547-1952.

Private Building Lateral Replacement Program

The Lateral Replacement Program provides funding to replace customer's poor performing laterals. Many of the lateral sewer pipes in the District are old and contributing unwanted stormwater inflow to the sewer system during wet weather. Sign up for the program or learn more at www.sonomacountywater.org/occidental-lateral or call (707)524-1179.

Free Public Tours

RUSSIAN RIVER WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TOUR

Attend a free tour of the Russian River water supply system and see how naturally filtered drinking water is pumped and delivered to more than 600,000 residents in portions of Sonoma and Marin counties.

This free half-day tour is offered:

- Saturday, September 20 at 9 a.m. in English
- Saturday, October 25 at 9 a.m. in Spanish

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

www.sonomacountywater.org/tours

For more information, contact:

Ryan Pedrotti, Water Education Programs Specialist,
at (707) 521-6209 or ryan.pedrotti@scwa.ca.gov

Community Meeting: Wastewater Solutions

The Occidental County Sanitation District will provide an update on potential improvements to the District that could include treatment upgrades and the use of recycled water by farmers and others.

When: 6-8 pm, Tuesday, September 30th

Where: Union Hotel, 3731 Main St, Occidental

Grass Removal Rebate

Russian River Watershed Immediate Drought Relief Program: Grass Removal Rebate - If you are a well user within the Russian River watershed, you may now be eligible to save money and conserve water by replacing the grass at your home. Through emergency drought relief funding, the Water Agency is offering homeowners \$0.50 per square foot of grass removed and replaced with low water use plants, up to 500 sq feet. To view a full list of the program guidelines and qualifications visit www.sonomacountywater.org/drought. Due to limited funds, this program will only be offered while funding is available.

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