

DWA News

Let's make every drop count!

DESERT WATER  SUMMER 2016

Weekend Watering Allowed Through Summer

The hot summer months are here and temperatures have begun to peak. DWA added Saturday and Sunday to our current Monday, Wednesday and Friday outdoor watering schedule through October 31. All watering is still allowed only before 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m.



The decision to ease current water use restrictions was based on local and statewide water supply conditions, above average temperatures and a recent decision by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to account for local supply in mandatory water saving requirements. DWA has set its own target of 10-13% annually to support our long-term sustainability goals.

Due to our expansive groundwater supply, the state is no longer requiring DWA to save 32%.

We believe that the community will meet the 10-13% target we set thanks to permanent landscape changes and more efficient behaviors.

The tremendous conservation efforts by customers over the past year saved more than 3 billion gallons of water. Residents and businesses have expressed concern for significant landscape losses. DWA added summer weekend watering days to help customers keep their plants and trees in good health through the coming months. Growing new plants and trees takes more water than keeping mature plants alive. We will continue to encourage efficient water use and enforce restrictions.

Mandatory water use restrictions also prohibit the following:

- Hosing off hardscapes (sidewalk, driveway, etc.)
- Water flowing onto adjacent property or hardscapes
- Using a hose (without a shut-off nozzle) to wash vehicles
- Irrigating up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall
- Water waste

For additional information on DWA's restrictions, please visit www.dwa.org/restrictions. To report water waste, download our app in the App Store or Google Play, or use our online form.

Take Advantage of DWA's FREE Smart Irrigation Controller Program Today



Contact DWA to install a FREE Smart Irrigation Controller and cut outdoor water use by 15% or more!

Smart controllers customize water times for irrigation systems based on temperature and evapotranspiration rate – they can even detect rain. Like your existing timer, smart controllers tell your sprinklers when to come on and for how long, but this device uses its attached mini-weather station to adjust the watering times based on the weather that day.

For more information and to submit an application, visit

www.dwa.org/Controller.

- **Email** to vicki@dwa.org
- **Drop-off** at 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs
- **Mail** to PO Box 1710, Palm Springs, CA 92263-1710

Sign-Up to Receive The Latest News & Updates Via Email

Contact Ashley Metzger at Ashley@dwa.org or visit www.dwa.org.

Upcoming Workshops Turf Buy Back

Calling all DWA customers! Attend a FREE workshop to learn how YOU can trade green for green this summer.

When: Thursday, July 21

- Landscapers @ 3:00 p.m.
- Large-scale projects @ 4:15 p.m.
- Single-family homes @ 5:30 p.m.

Where: 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail,
Palm Springs

What: Learn the ins and outs of applying and qualifying for DWA's turf buy back grants

How: First come, first served – no sign up required

All interested in applying should try to attend the appropriate workshop. We will be posting the presentations from the workshop online if you're unable to attend. Applications WILL NOT be made available at the workshops.

Learn more at www.dwa.org/turf.

Infrastructure Updates



While our agency and our customers have made intelligent investments in the right infrastructure for our region, many of our pipelines are older than the average Palm Springs resident. A variety of proactive infrastructure projects are in progress to combat leaky pipes and set for completion over the summer and fall months. DWA will update customers as these infrastructure upgrades are completed and new projects begin.

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Back By Popular Demand!

DWA expects to release applications in August. Please note that this is a very competitive process and DWA grant funds should not be relied upon as a primary source of funding for projects in development. The program requirements have changed significantly from past years. Visit www.dwa.org/turf for more information on program requirements, and to sign up for our mailing list.

Some of what's new this year

- Applications will be an online form. If you do not have access to a computer, we ask that you use a public library.
- Applicants will be required to submit a bid from a landscaper or a budget for the project.
- Rebates are for \$1 per square foot. We encourage you to seek additional grants and funding sources.
- Those who wish to use only artificial turf will be able to do so.

Is my project eligible?

- Back and side yards not visible from the street are not eligible.
- Yards at homes with gates, walls, hedges or fences of any height between the project area and street will not be considered.

Thank you for your interest in DWA's turf buy back grants and for your commitment to conservation!

Check Us Out On YouTube

For additional conservation tips and information on DWA programs and sustainability practices, please visit www.dwa.org to access our newly launched DWA YouTube channel.

Featured Videos:

- Summertime savings – pool tips
- Drinking water quality
- Irrigation tips
- Groundwater management
- Earthquake preparedness



Contact Information

For more information, please contact: DWA Outreach & Conservation Manager Ashley Metzger at (760) 323-4971 ext. 184, or Ashley@dwa.org. For more information on DWA's conservation programs, please visit: www.dwa.org/conservation.



Want to know more about what we're doing?

The public is always welcome at our board meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 8 a.m., at DWA Operations Center, 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs. To see an up-to-date schedule of all our meetings, please visit our website: www.dwa.org/calendar.