

GRASS TO DESERT LANDSCAPE

To both beautify and save water, Desert Water Agency provides rebates to customers for replacing grass with more efficient landscaping. Customers get rebates based on square footage, with HOAs and businesses receiving \$2 per square foot and homeowners receiving \$1 per square foot for front yards with another \$1 available from the state's SaveOurWater program (www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com).

The fall and winter months are best to make the switch. Plants are more likely to survive with the cooler temperatures. If you need some inspiration, we have demonstration gardens around our office at 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail. Many of the plants are labeled to let you know what they are. We also have a free desert landscape book, "Lush and Efficient," to help you do a little research on options for your own beautiful water-saving landscape.

If you are planning to participate in the program, make sure to visit the website www.dwa.org/turf for full details. Here's how to make it happen:

- Apply online before you start your project
- Do not remove turf until your project is approved
- Complete your project and contact DWA conservation staff if you have questions

Progressive and beautiful, these landscapes provide far more habitat than equivalent grass areas. It's a great time to take advantage of DWA's grass to desert landscape rebates!



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

California's water delivery system is more than 50 years old and vulnerable to earthquakes, rising sea levels and flooding. Upgrading the system and creating more storage is key and cost-effective to securing and providing clean, reliable water for generations to come. Local planning is also vital to ensuring a dependable water supply well into the future.

Sites Reservoir: In July, the California Water Commission approved \$816 million in Proposition 1 funding to help build Sites Reservoir north of Sacramento – the largest water storage project since the 1970s. Reservoir water could be pumped through proposed California WaterFix tunnels to SoCal water districts, like Desert Water Agency.

California WaterFix: Plans include moving water through two underground tunnels instead of through the fragile Delta, which is what we do now. A draft report on environmental impacts was released in July. It could be built by 2035.

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan: The Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group, which includes Desert Water Agency, is updating the Integrated Regional Water Management/Storm-water Resource Plan to secure grant funding and increase the reliability of local water systems. The plan includes projects that benefit water supply, water quality and natural resources. We expect to adopt the updated plan in early 2019.



REBATES Desert
grass to **Landscape**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

This November Desert Water Agency customers can vote for three members of Desert Water Agency's publicly elected



Board of Directors. The Board consists of five members that meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month to oversee agency business. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DWA will have information tables and water at various events. Here's how our fall is shaping up:

- **Oct. 5** - Senior Lifestyle Expo, Mizell Senior Center
- **Oct. 16** - Business Expo & Taste of Palm Springs, Colony 29
- **Oct. 20** - Desert AIDS Walk, Ruth Hardy Park
- **Oct. 27** - Desert Garden Community Day, UCR Palm Desert
- **Oct. 28** - OktoberPets, Palm Springs Animal Shelter
- **Nov. 11** - Veterans Day Parade, downtown Palm Springs
- **Nov. 16-18** - Desert Living Home Show, Convention Center
- **Nov. 22** - Wild Turkey Trot, downtown Palm Springs

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM!



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 Desert Water Agency, 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.



FAQ

Do I need a water softener?

No, you do not need a water softener. DWA tap water meets all drinking water standards and needs no conditioning or filtering. On a large scale, water softening can do damage since most softeners discharge a salty brine that harms groundwater. This discharge requires additional costly treatment and is prohibited. If you notice a white mineral build-up, vinegar is a great natural way to remove deposits.

PIPELINE UPDATE

DWA pipeline replacement has been underway since June. We appreciate the community's patience as we replace old infrastructure to ensure the safety and reliability of our water supply. It should be complete by mid-November, barring unforeseen issues. More pipeline replacements are set for summer 2019. Here's a tentative list of those affected streets:



South Vista Chino/El Mirador

- Via Miraleste from Chuckwalla Road to Mel Avenue
- Chia Road from Via Miraleste to Avenida Caballeros
- The Palms Street from Via Miraleste to end of street

- Prescott Drive from Merito Place to El Alameda
- Mountain View Place from Mission Road to Prescott Drive

Old Las Palmas

- Cahuilla Road from Via Lola to Hermosa Place
- Hermosa Place from Patencio Road to Prescott Drive
- Canyon Place from Patencio Road to Mission Road
- Merito Place from Patencio Road to N. Palm Canyon Drive
- Mission Road from Merito Place to Hermosa Place
- Cahuilla Road from Alejo Road to Merito Place
- Chino Drive from Vine Avenue to Belardo Road

Summer

- Livmor Avenue from Farrell Drive to Civic Drive
- Airplane Drive from Andreas Road to Plaimor Avenue
- Sybil Road from Livmor Avenue to Plaimor Avenue
- Morsun Circle from Livmor Avenue to end of street
- Easmor Circle from Livmor Avenue to end of street
- Plaimor Avenue from Easmor Circle to Airplane Drive

Tahquitz River Estates

- Riverside Drive from Sunny Dunes Road to Calle Palo Fierro

BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

DWA and the Palm Springs Library launched #H2Oreads on Sept. 6, National Read a Book Day, to promote books about water and encourage people to read. A mixture of fiction and non-fiction books are available for checkout at the library.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- James Cioffi: President
- Joseph K. Stuart: Vice President
- Kristin Bloomer: Secretary/Treasurer
- Patricia G. Oygard: Director
- Craig Ewing: Director

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