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Let's make every drop count!

DESERT WATER  FALL 2019

SAVE WATER AND MONEY WITH NEW REBATES

Desert Water Agency launched new rebates in September to help customers save water and money. The incentives are designed to cover some or all of the cost to install water efficient devices. The application process was also streamlined to be easier and quicker than before. Rebates include:

- Grass removal: \$2 per square foot for front and backyards with no square footage cap
- Smart controller: up to \$250 for residential and \$3,250 large scale
- Sprinkler heads: up to \$7 per nozzle, rotating spray heads and fixed-rate bubblers
- Washing machines: up to \$250 on efficient models



Water conservation is important to long-term sustainability. We encourage customers to help do their part to save water.

We've received much interest in the program so far and urge customers to apply sooner rather than later. Nearly \$1 million (mostly from grant funding) has been budgeted for rebates this fiscal year, but it could go quick especially since there are no longer caps on the grass removal rebate.

For more information or to apply for a rebate, go to www.dwa.org/rebates

DISCOVER DWA DURING FALL TOUR

Desert Water Agency will host its fall tour in November. The behind the scenes bus tour of DWA facilities will feature a reservoir, a well site and our water recycling plant. The tours are open to the public and help shed light on the important role DWA plays in managing and importing water to the area and delivering it to customer homes and businesses. For more information or to have your name added to the tour interest list, go to www.dwa.org/tours



Tahquitz reservoir.



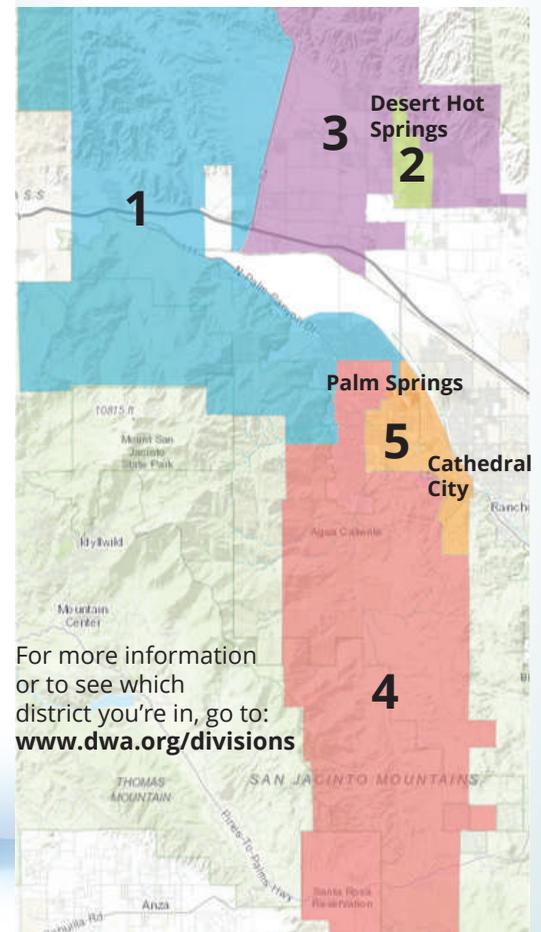
Water recycling plant.

DWA ADOPTS DIVISION ELECTIONS

The way Desert Water Agency Board of Directors are elected will soon change from at-large to division elections.

After a robust public process, DWA's board adopted a map which breaks the agency into five divisions.

Starting with the November 2020 election, DWA customers will vote only for a candidate from within their own division. Under the previous at-large system, all registered voters elect all five board members.



For more information or to see which district you're in, go to: www.dwa.org/divisions



FAQ

Why is DWA on my property tax?

Desert Water Agency is one of 29 State Water Project contractors. We bring imported water to the region to help replenish the underground aquifer and ensure an adequate water supply for the region. The tax amount that appears on property taxes is \$0.10 per \$100 in assessed value of your property. That amount helps pay for our community's share of the infrastructure on the State Water Project.



IF YOU OVERSEED - BE WATER EFFICIENT!

Overseeding in the fall is the practice of letting the warm-weather Bermuda grass go dormant and seeding with cool-weather grass – traditionally rye grass. Because re-seeding uses a good deal of water, we encourage customers to skip it or be as efficient as possible. Here are tips on how to be more water conscious:



- Start re-seeding later - between mid-October and mid-November
- Check sprinklers to ensure they are spraying correctly; repair any breaks
- Keep seeds moist but not soaked (too much water can prevent germination)
- Cover seeds with grass clippings to reduce evaporation
- Water little and often. For example, five times a day for 1-2 minutes each time. Once the seeds sprout reduce irrigation frequency

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM!



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DOING?

The public is welcome at our board meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month, beginning at 8 a.m., at 1200 S. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs. For the latest meeting schedule, please visit our website: www.dwa.org

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DWA enjoys connecting with customers at community events. Here is how our fall is shaping up:

- Oct. 11 - Senior Expo, Mizell Senior Center
- Oct. 15 - Business Expo & Taste of Palm Springs, Colony 29
- Oct. 19 - Desert AIDS Walk, Ruth Hardy Park
- Oct. 26 - Desert Garden Community Day, UCR Palm Desert
- Nov. 9 - Anniversary & Veterans Day celebration, Palm Springs Air Museum
- Nov. 28 - Wild Turkey Trot, downtown Palm Springs
- Dec. 6-8 - Desert Living Home Show, Palm Springs Convention Center

WATER COUNTS ACADEMY



Class of 2019

The annual Water Counts Academy kicks off Feb. 4. Anyone interested in learning about water in the desert can apply. The free program is organized by CV Water Counts, a group of six local water districts including DWA, that collaborate on water conservation.

The academy meets every Tuesday for four weeks and ends Feb. 29 with a tour of water facilities and a graduation ceremony.

To apply or learn more, go to: www.cvwatercounts.com/academy

Need help paying?

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