

DWA News

DESERT WATER WINTER 2021

Let's make every drop count!

Happy New Year!

DIVE INTO YOUR NEXT READ WITH DWA'S LITTLE LIBRARY



Desert Water Agency opened a Little Free Library just outside its lobby doors. This book kiosk has free water-related, water-themed fiction and non-fiction books, plus those that our neighbors leave behind.

These books are yours for the taking and can be passed along to friends or kept for your collection.

The Little Library looks like a Palm Springs home with its sleek mid-century design. It is always stocked with the *Lush & Efficient* local gardening guide, a great resource for landscaping projects.

A special thanks goes out to Cioffi Architects who designed the kiosk pro bono and PS Welding who donated their labor.

Stop by and check it out! We're asking visitors to our Little Free Library to observe social distancing and wear a mask.

There are about 60,000 Little Free Libraries around the world in 80 countries. Go to www.littlefreelibrary.org to see all the locations. Go to www.dwa.org/library for more information on DWA's library.

UPDATE YOUR INFO - IT'S EASY!

Want to know if DWA sees or suspects a leak on your property? We need your help to ensure we can reach you. Many of our accounts have old landline or disconnected phone numbers associated with them. If your account is more than a year old or you have changed your phone number or email, please scan the code to the right, with your smart phone camera, and you'll be taken to our website where you can update your information.



 www.dwa.org/myinfo

WATER ACADEMY GOES VIRTUAL



This year marks the fifth year for the Water Counts Academy, a program designed to help inform community members on local water issues. The program is put on by CV Water Counts, a collaboration of six local water agencies including DWA. It features experts in water and sectors like golf, agriculture and cannabis. The academy is going virtual this year. Classes will be held once a week on Zoom throughout the month of February. Space is limited – go to www.cvwatercounts.com/academy to learn more.

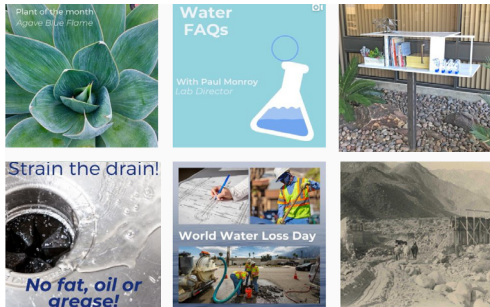
JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Desert Water Agency hosts monthly webinars to stay connected with the community.

- In January, we'll dive into water education opportunities for those of all ages. If you're interested in learning about local water and water conservation – this is the webinar for you.
- In February, we'll highlight careers with Desert Water Agency. You'll hear from our leaders, our HR Director and a 30+ year employee about rewarding jobs in public service.

Go to www.dwa.org/virtual for details, to sign up for an upcoming webinar or to watch a previous workshop.

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM!



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The public is welcome to participate in our board meetings at 8 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month. To see a schedule of all our meetings, please visit our website: www.dwa.org



FAQ

Can I get help with my water bill?

Yes. Covid-19 has caused difficulties for so many in our community. Those affected financially can take advantage of two assistance programs to help pay their water bills - Help2Others and the CAP CARES program (funded through the CARES Act). Visit www.dwa.org/h2o to learn more about these programs. Take advantage of the assistance and pay what you can now so a large amount of debt isn't building. You can also contact us at 760-323-4971 ext. 129 to get started on a repayment plan.



PROGRAM HELPS HUNDREDS IN NEED

The Help2Others Assistance Program has had success helping your neighbors pay their water bills. From July – November 2020, more than \$45,000 has been issued in credits to 552 water customers of DWA and other water agencies in the Coachella Valley. The program provides up to \$100 in water bill credits and is administered by United Way of the Desert.

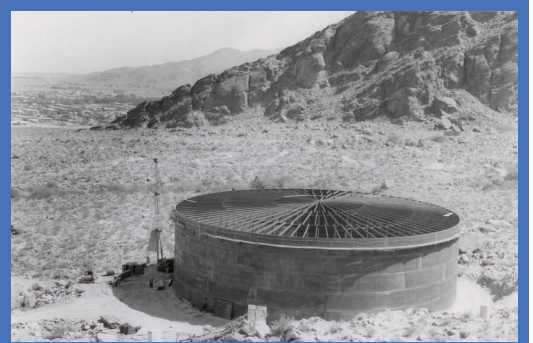
Go to www.unitedwayofthedesert.org/donate to help a neighbor in need. During the donation process, you can designate Help2Others for the contribution in the "additional information" section of the donation form.



Help2Others
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PIC FROM THE PAST!

This is one of our reservoirs circa 1961. We pump water from underground into these huge tanks, which provide storage and pressure from gravity. The water travels through our network of more than 425 miles of pipes to homes and businesses. We have 26 reservoirs in our water system.



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