

DWA News

DESERT WATER  WINTER 2023

Let's make every drop count!

Happy New Year!

SAVE WATER & MONEY IN 2023!

DWA offers a variety of incentives on grass removal, smart controllers, water efficient nozzles, Energy Star washing machines and more.

These incentives in many cases cover the cost of water efficient upgrades.

These programs are a great way to help save water and money during drought and beyond.

In 2022, customers turned up their water efficiency efforts with our incentives. Many properties also skipped overseeding.

Thanks for a great 2022. Let's continue to work together and resolve to make 2023 even more water wise. Incentive funds are still available.

 **Apply today!**
www.dwa.org/save

INCENTIVES: YEAR IN REVIEW

(Data is from Jan. 1, 2022 through mid-December)



Smart Controllers: Customers have installed 82 smart controllers. DWA provides residents up to \$150 for the device & \$100 for install; commercial and HOA properties get up to \$10,000 for devices & \$750 for installation.



Efficient nozzles: Customers have installed 7,096 precision nozzles or fixed bubbler heads. We provide up to \$5 per nozzle & \$2 each for installation.



Grass Removal: DWA processed 368 applications to transform 1,254,872 square feet of grass to water efficient landscaping. DWA provides \$3 a square foot to replace grass with drought friendly plants or artificial turf. Funding amount varies by location and income status but currently ranges from \$3 to \$8 per square foot. Grass must be present when applying.



Washing machines: Customers have installed 103 Energy Star washing machines. We provide up to \$250 for Energy Star washing machines, which use about 33 % less water than regular washers and 25 % less energy. One washer per home.



Business Toilets: Businesses have applied for/installed 100 water efficient toilets. We provide business properties with between 10 -100 free, high-efficiency toilets.

GET TO KNOW YOUR DWA BOARD

Three new Board members were elected in November and recently installed.

The five-member DWA Board guides the organization and represents the community. They work together to make high-level decisions on budgets, investments, direction, priorities, water rates and more.

The Board also develops policies that the General Manager and team implement to keep the Agency running smoothly.

If you ever have feedback about

the DWA team or policies, you can reach out to the Directors.

Each Director represents a specific portion of Desert Water Agency. Their bios and email addresses are online at www.dwa.org/directors

Your DWA Board of Directors are:

Division 1 – Steve Grasha*

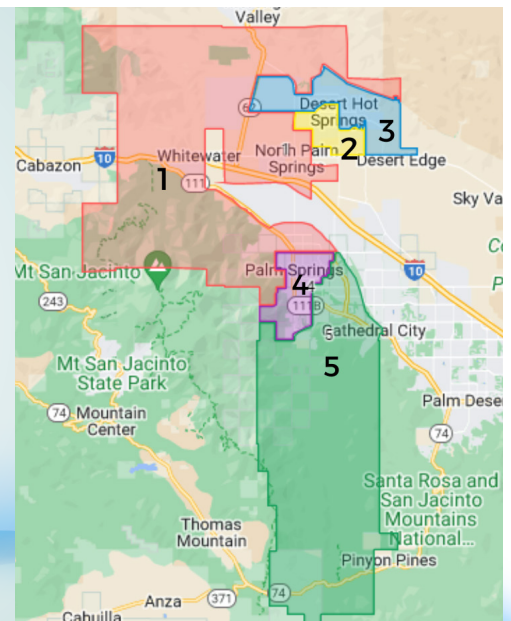
Division 2 – Gerald McKenna*

Division 3 – Jeff Bowman*

Division 4 – Paul Ortega

Division 5 – Kristin Bloomer

(*newly elected)



JOIN WATER COURSE



Join Desert Water Agency and its partners at CV Water Counts for a free water education course. Program graduates receive a certificate and some have gone on to sit on water boards and be ambassadors on water issues in the community.

Water Counts Academy 2023 will introduce participants to the world of water from 12-1:30 p.m. via Zoom, once a week for five weeks in February and March. Classes begin on Feb. 9. Local and statewide experts will lead discussions on a variety of topics, from water quality to how climate change affects water supply.

Topics include:

- drought
- water infrastructure
- conservation efforts
- sustainability
- Salton Sea
- water sources
- water quality

The deadline to apply is Jan. 31.

Go to www.cvwatercounts.com/academy to apply today.

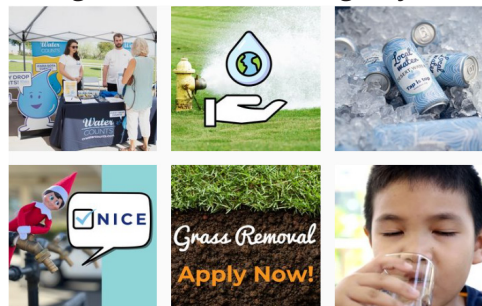
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How much water is lost when a car hits a hydrant?

Water loss from a hit hydrant varies depending on the type of hydrant, how bad the damage is and how long it takes to fix the hydrant. During a recent incident after a car hit a hydrant and knocked it off, water flowed for about 25 minutes. This resulted in about 230,000 gallons of lost water – which is enough water to fill more than 12 pools.



DWA WORK CREWS GET AHEAD OF LEAKS

If you see a DWA work crew in your neighborhood, they may be replacing a water service line.

Service lines are 1- or 2-inch pipes that connect the main water pipes in the streets to a customer's water meter. Many service lines installed during the 80s were made of plastic and now have a high failure rate.

To avoid catastrophic failure which may cause major damage to the roads and property, DWA is taking a proactive approach to replacing these pipes before they fail. Over the past three years, DWA has replaced 2,613 or 50 percent of all plastic service lines and has many more planned for 2023. The goal is to get rid of all plastic services by the end of 2027.



We coordinate these replacements with HOAs and neighborhoods on an ongoing basis. We update customers via Nextdoor or through the HOA management company.

It's all part of making sure your water service continues to be reliable.

Send any questions about service line replacements to Outreach@dwa.org

GO FOR THE GOLD!

Many HOAs and residents skipped the water intensive process of overseeding this past year and let their lawn go gold. Be on the lookout for "We Went Gold" signs that highlight such water saving efforts. If you'd like a sign for your yard to help spread the message, send an e-mail to Outreach@dwa.org



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The public is welcome to participate at our board meetings. They are held 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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kristin Bloomer: Division 5
- Paul Ortega: Division 4
- Jeff Bowman: Division 3
- Gerald McKenna: Division 2
- Steve Grasha: Division 1

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact: DWA Outreach Specialist Xochitl Peña at 760-323-4971 ext. 272, or XPen@DWA.org. For more information on DWA's conservation programs, please visit: www.dwa.org/save



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