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### **WEST BASIN KICKS OFF 2018 WITH FREE RAIN BARREL DISTRIBUTIONS**

*West Basin Municipal Water District will give away 2,000 rain barrels in early 2018*

**CARSON, Calif.** – [West Basin Municipal Water District](#) (West Basin) will give away 2,000 rain barrels to District residents in a series of five events beginning in January 2018.

Residents in West Basin's [service area](#) will have the opportunity to conserve water by receiving a free rain barrel at one of five events from January to May. The collection of rainwater in the 55 gallon barrels can be used for landscaping and other outdoor purposes. In addition, rainwater collection is a great way to reduce the amount of pollution that flows into nearby storm drains and waterways.

The series will kick off on Jan. 20 in Culver City at West Los Angeles College. The remaining event dates are scheduled for February in Carson, March in Lawndale, April in Manhattan Beach and May in Inglewood. All events are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon.

"West Basin continues to promote water conservation as a way of life and rain barrels are one way for residents to do that," said West Basin Board President Harold C. Williams. "This program provides residents with one of the tools that can help secure a water reliable future."

West Basin's rain barrel distribution series is a District-wide water conservation program that launched in 2014. The program has since helped the District to conserve more than 167 billion gallons of water through the distribution of over 300,000 water-saving devices. Each of the District's water conservation programs allows businesses and residents throughout the District to take an everyday approach to water savings.

For the full list of event dates, locations, eligibility guidelines, and to RSVP for the event closest to you, please visit [www.westbasin.org/rainbarrels](http://www.westbasin.org/rainbarrels) or call (310) 371-4633. Registration is required. Rain barrels will be distributed on a first come, first served basis and pre-registration does not guarantee a rain barrel.

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*West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) is a wholesale water agency that provides imported drinking water to nearly one million people in 17 cities and unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County. West Basin is an industry leader in water recycling, conservation, and water education. West Basin is currently implementing a Water Reliability program to reduce the agency's dependence on imported water and develop drought-proof local water supplies. The program includes water recycling, water conservation, groundwater desalting and ocean water desalination. Visit [www.westbasin.org](http://www.westbasin.org) to learn more.*