



WATER NEWS

The official newsletter of the West Basin Municipal Water District.

West Basin is a wholesale water agency serving 17 cities and nearly one million residents in coastal Los Angeles County. An innovative public agency, West Basin is a leader in conservation, water recycling and regional reliability. Our mission is to provide a safe and reliable supply of high-quality water to the communities we serve.

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Message from the General Manager

Thank you for taking the time to read our quarterly newsletter. I hope you find this newsletter to be helpful and informative in its coverage of the drought and water conservation efforts.

First, let me start by saying what an honor it is to be the General Manager of West Basin. Four months into this role and I can tell you that the District has exciting events and programs in store for you. We are working towards hosting family-friendly events that our communities will enjoy and help us celebrate 75 years of water supply reliability for the service area.

I know the drought is an important topic that is on everyone's mind, including our West Basin Board of Directors and community leaders. Governor Newsom urged all Californians reduce water use and escalate their drought response. The West Basin Board of Directors took this goal a step further by calling on its service area to achieve a 30% reduction target. For the last 12 months, West Basin's retail water suppliers have reported varying levels of savings which indicate that we still have work to do to achieve statewide and regional water conservation targets.

We know that our communities are making changes for the better, and that old water use habits can be hard to change, but we also have faith in our cities that together we can rise to the challenge for the well-being of our communities. We also recognize that conservation is one part of a bigger strategy to become more drought-resilient, and we look forward to sharing our progress on recycled water and other strategic activities in future issues.

On behalf of West Basin, I want to thank you for your interest in our immediate supply concerns, and for doing your part to embrace water efficiency as a California way of life. I hope this newsletter inspires you to join us at an upcoming event. Together, let's be Super-Cali-Frugalistic!

- Gregory Reed, General Manager

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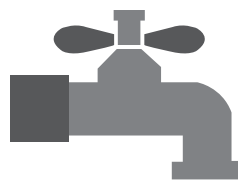
How Much Water Are We Saving?

According to the State Water Resources Control Board, the West Basin service area has reduced water use by 4.9% over the previous 12 months compared to 2020 water use levels. Pictured here a a few highlights from the reports.

Supplier	Percent Change (cumulative)
Cal Water Dominguez	-10.7%
Cal Am Water	-5.9%
Inglewood	-5.6%
Cal Water Palos Verdes	-4.9%
Lomita	-4.0%
Hawthorne	-3.9%
Manhattan Beach	-2.9%
GSWC Southwest	-1.8%
Cal Water Hermosa Redondo	-1.3%
LACWWD 29	-0.9%
GSWC Culver City	-0.1%
Total*	-4.9%

*Total excludes El Segundo, which was impacted by the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant event in 2021. Additional potable water was required to meet recycled water needs for industrial use.

Average Number of Gallons Used per Person per Day in West Basin



2020

120
Gallons Per Day

30% Less

36 Gallons Less

On average, we are asking you to use 30% less water per day, or 36 gallons less per day.

Inspiring Landscapes, Great Incentives!

We speak with many residents who say, wow! my neighbor's California friendly landscape looks great; how can I get started? With so many options for plants, colors, groundcovers (and what is this about a stormwater capture element?), it's easy to be overwhelmed by the notion of removing grass and other water-thirsty landscape elements.

Here are five tips to help you get started:

1. Check out this [photo album](#) of examples from West Basin residents who achieved lovely drought-tolerant gardens while taking advantage of our grass replacement rebate (starting at \$3 per square foot): westbasin.org/grass-replacement.
2. Find inspiration from over 1,000 eligible plants in this [plant database](#) and begin planning a new beautiful water-wise garden.
3. Sign up for the next West Basin Chat: Our water use efficiency professionals will walk you... and answer as many questions as you may have. Register here: www.westbasin.org/chat.
4. Check out the [Top 10 California Native Plants](#).
5. Download a free California Friendly® Garden Maintenance Guide from BeWaterWise: bit.ly/landscape-guidebook.



Popular West Basin Events Return In-Person this Fall

Save the dates! West Basin's free rain barrel distribution events begin in September and the Water Harvest festival returns in-person in October.

Five Free Rain Barrel Distribution Events

Start September 24

Our popular Rain Barrel Program will return on Saturday, September 24 for the first of five in-person distribution events throughout the service area. During the fall months of September – November 2022, the District will host drive-up events for residents to claim up to two free rain barrels.

For more information visit: www.westbasin.org/rainbarrels



Water Harvest Festival is Back in Person on October 22

West Basin is excited to emerge from the pandemic and bring the community together in-person for the annual Water Harvest festival on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Edward C. Little Water Recycling Facility in El Segundo. Activities last from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, when families can celebrate West Basin's 75th birthday (formation as a District) with tours of the water recycling facility, engaging water education activities, kids costume contest, and more!

For event details visit: www.westbasin.org/waterharvest.

