

**AFTER TWO DRY YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FEARS THIS YEAR MAY REPRESENT THE THIRD YEAR OF ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S WORST DROUGHTS IN HISTORY.**



## Governor's Request for 20 Percent Reduction

**F**olsom Reservoir - our only water source - was facing dangerously low water levels in February. Due to the grim outlook, our water supply cutbacks and the Governor's request for all water agencies to reduce water consumption by 20 percent this year, we announced a water warning in February requiring a mandatory 20 percent reduction in water use to help preserve our water supply.

Although Folsom Lake appears to have recovered after the March storms, its water, combined with Shasta Lake's water, is used for water supply throughout California. Current projections show Shasta Lake will not have an adequate water quantity available to meet projected water demands. As a result, Folsom Lake will be relied on to a larger extent to help meet some of these demands.

Throughout the summer, Folsom Lake's water availability will depend upon the actual snow melt that makes its way into the lake. As part of our efforts to balance our water supply, **we are requesting all customers help by reducing their water use by 20 percent until further notice.** Everyone needs to do their part to protect our water supply. Please review our Water Conservation Stage 3 Water Warning for more information.

## Current Water Conservation Warning: Stage 3 — Voluntary Reductions Now Requested

**D**ue to March's increased precipitation and snow levels, we have moved from a mandatory reduction request to a voluntary 20 percent water reduction request. Please see the back page for tips about saving water and money!

### STAGE 3 - WATER WARNING REQUIREMENTS

1. Use water for beneficial purposes only; all unnecessary and wasteful uses of water are prohibited.
2. Confine water to your property and do not allow it to run onto adjoining properties or to the roadside ditch or gutter. Do not water past the point of saturation.
3. Free-flowing hoses for all uses are prohibited. Instead, install and use automatic shut-off devices on hoses.
4. Repair leaking pipes or faulty sprinklers immediately.
5. Ensure all pools, spas and ornamental fountains/ponds are leak-proof and install a recirculation pump. Draining or refilling pools is only allowed for health, maintenance or structural reasons.
6. Do not wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or buildings, except as necessary for health or sanitary purposes.
7. Take advantage of SJWD's conservation programs and rebates.
8. Reduce landscape and pasture irrigation by 20 percent. Set "smart" irrigation timers or controllers are to achieve 75 - 89 percent of the evapotranspiration (ET) rate.
9. Reduce indoor water use by 20 percent. Visit our Web site ([sjwd.org](http://sjwd.org)) or contact us at 791-2663 to learn more about reducing indoor water use.



### San Juan Family of Water Agencies

San Juan Water District wholesales surface water to the following agencies for distribution to their customers. All family agencies are requesting their customers to reduce water use by 20 percent.



## Free Irrigation Workshop

**Saturday, June 13 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**J**oin us for a free workshop about drip irrigation installation and other tips for improving your landscape irrigation. The workshop will be held at the SJWD office, 9935 Auburn Folsom Road in Granite Bay. These workshops are always well-attended, so please call 791-2663 to reserve your spot.



# Tips To Save You Money & Protect Your Water Supply

**It is critical for you and all SJWD customers to use water wisely and conserve at all times. Thank you for your continued efforts!**

## We're Here to Help!

- Take advantage of our FREE programs and services designed to help you use water efficiently.
- Check our money-back rebates before you purchase a water efficient toilet or washing machine, upgrade your irrigation system and/or install a hot water recirculation system.
- Sign up for equalized payment plans to take the sting out of higher summer bills due to greater water use.
- Call for a free landscape irrigation review to learn how to improve your system's performance and increase your water efficiency.
- For more information, visit [sjwd.org](http://sjwd.org), call 791-0115 or stop by our office.

## Outdoor Water Use Tips

- Complete outdoor watering between midnight and noon.
- Install an evapotranspiration (ET) or weather-based irrigation controller to increase outdoor water efficiency.
- Regularly check your irrigation system for leaks, clogs or misdirected sprinklers and emitters; fix what's necessary.
- Avoid outdoor watering on windy days.
- Utilize rotor sprinklers to ensure even water distribution (never mix rotor and impact sprinklers in the same zone).
- Split irrigation into two or three short cycles (three minutes or less) to allow water to soak into the soil and to reduce runoff. Allow water to fully soak into the soil before repeating.
- Use a broom instead of the water hose for cleaning sidewalks and driveways.
- Apply mulch around plants and shrubs to keep soil cool and reduce evaporation.
- Install drought tolerant landscaping.
- Keep grass longer - longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better than shorter grass.

## Indoor Water Use Tips

- Install ultra-low-flush or high-efficiency toilets (save up to 650 gallons per month). Rebates available!
- Install a low-flow showerhead (save up to 800 gallons per month).
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth (save more than 5 gallons per day).
- Use a high-efficiency washing machine (save more than 16 gallons per load). Rebates available!
- Repair a leaky faucet (save up to 430 gallons per month).
- Install a low-flow faucet aerator (save more than 140 gallons per month).
- Fix toilet leaks (save up to 500 gallons of water per day).
- Run dishwashers and washing machines only when full.
- Limit showers to 10 minutes or less. Consider installing a shower timer or turning off the shower while you "soap up."

## Public Hearing about Rates

**Wednesday, June 10 - 7 p.m.**

The SJWD Board of Directors reviews the 2009-10 budget over a three-month period; the review started in April. The Board will conduct a public hearing on June 10 at 7 p.m. to discuss a proposed 2010 rate increase.

Please join us to learn more about our budget and potential rate changes. All board meetings are held at our office and open to the public. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Additional board meetings occur on the fourth Wednesdays during May and June to allow for budget review.

## Leaks Waste Water and Money!

A continuous leak from a hole this size at 50 psi would, over a two-month period, waste water in the amount shown to the right.

- **1/4 inch** leak wastes 787,300 gallons and could add as much as \$715 to your water bill.
- **3/16 inch** leak wastes 434,700 gallons and could add as much as \$395 to your water bill.
- **1/8 inch** leak wastes 197,300 gallons and could add as much as \$180 to your water bill.
- **1/16 inch** leak wastes 49,300 gallons and could add as much as \$45 to your water bill.

## Sign Up for Hassle-Free Bill Payment Options

We offer several free bill payment options to make paying your bill easy and help you avoid unnecessary late fees. Visit [sjwd.org](http://sjwd.org) or contact us at 791-0115 to start the enrollment process.

- Online bill payment: Safely view and pay your bill online.
- Electronic funds transfer: Automatically deducts payment from your bank account.
- Credit card payments: Automatically charges your bill amount to your MasterCard or Visa.

Customers can also call SJWD to make a single payment by check or credit card over the phone.

## Keep Service Box Area Visible

We want to be able to help you in the event of an emergency by getting to your service box and turning off your water as quickly as possible. This will help you avoid costly water damage repairs. In order to do so, we need your help.

Please keep your service box area clear of trees and shrubs and avoid covering them with bark, rock or other decorative material. Service boxes should be visible at all times. To avoid root damage, plant trees or shrubs at least 10 feet away from service boxes and pipelines.

## MAKING A MOVE?

Before moving, please notify us so we can take a final reading of your meter for accurate billing purposes.

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