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DESERT WATER  FALL 2022

Let's make every drop count!



SAVE WATER SKIP OVERSEEDING

DWA urges customers to skip overseeding this fall to help save water during the statewide drought.

Overseeding is the practice of letting the warm-weather Bermuda grass go dormant and seeding with winter rye grass.

It is a very water intensive process, and this year with Governor Newsom asking all Californian's to reduce their water use, it is even more important.

Current water restrictions prohibit daytime sprinkler use (it is only allowed before sunrise and after sunset) so you may not be able to even sprout winter grass without watering during the day.

You can let your Bermuda grass go dormant, which means that you continue shorter sprinkler sessions in the evenings and come January or February it will start to turn golden or brown for about 8 weeks.

Skipping overseeding saves water and money.

We're proud of our customers - including big HOAs - that have decided to forgo overseeding and we hope to see many more follow suit.

You can also get an incentive to remove your grass!

For more information on incentives or overseeding, go to www.dwa.org/overseed

TOP 5 REASONS TO SKIP OVERSEEDING

1. Doing your part during the California drought matters for our community
2. You risk a fine if you use sprinklers during the day or spray onto sidewalk/gutter
3. Landscape labor costs are at an all-time high
4. Seed prices are up significantly this year
5. It's difficult for winter grass to sprout without daylight watering

HAVE YOUR SAY ON ELECTION DAY

Desert Water Agency has three Division seats up for election in November.

Voters in DWA's Divisions 1, 2 & 3 can elect representatives on Nov. 8, 2022.

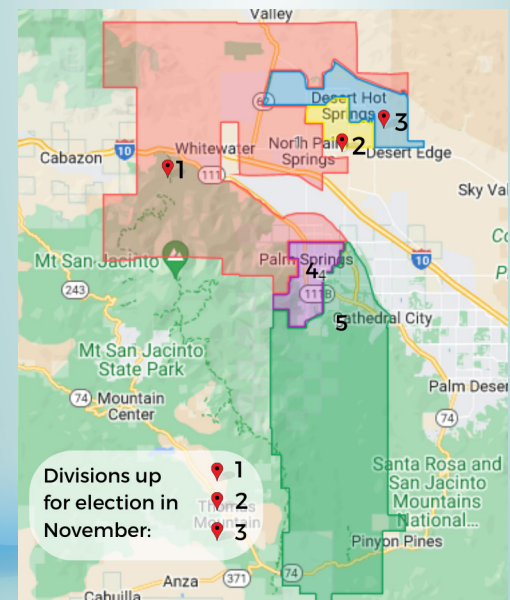
Division 1 encompasses neighborhoods in Palm Springs north of Vista Chino and stretches into north Palm Springs and areas surrounding Desert Hot Springs.

Divisions 2 & 3 include portions of Desert Hot Springs.

The Agency does not provide tap water service to Desert Hot Springs but does manage and import water to the region.

The County will send out information to voters in advance of November's elections.

For more information about divisions or to view a divisions map, go to www.dwa.org/divisions





How can I get help with my water bill?

Riverside County residents who have past due water bills and meet income requirements can get up to \$2,000 in assistance through the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Low-income customers can also get a \$200 bill credit through DWA's Help2Others program. For more info go to www.dwa.org/h2o or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

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GET AN INCENTIVE TO DO YOUR PART!

There are lots of ways people can save water inside and outside the home. One way is to utilize DWA incentives. We offer a variety of them. Go to www.dwa.org/save to learn more.



Get \$3 a square foot to remove your grass and replace it with desert friendly landscaping or artificial turf. Grass must be present when applying.



We offer up to \$250 for a weather-based smart controller. These irrigation controllers can schedule your watering, they can detect when it's raining and turn off your sprinklers for you and it can all be controlled from your phone.



Get up to \$5 per efficient sprinkler head plus an additional \$2 per nozzle when professionally installed. Residential customers can get up to 100 nozzles. Commercial customers can get up to 1000 nozzles.



We offer 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.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A DISASTER?

We are located near the very active San Andreas fault and haven't had a sizable earthquake in quite some time.

A major quake could shut off access to water and other necessities for days. Every home should have a disaster supply kit that would allow you to survive on your own for at least a week.



Items to included in a kit:

- flashlight and extra batteries
- dust mask
- first-aid kit
- extra clothing and blankets
- tools
- battery powered or hand-cranked radio
- medicines
- non-perishable food
- supplies for your pet
- plenty of water

Plan for 1 gallon of water per person – and pet – per day for anywhere from 3 to 14 days. You will need the water for drinking, plus extra for food prep and hygiene. Given the desert heat, having extra water on hand is a good idea.

For more tips on disaster preparedness, go to www.ready.gov

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

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