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Don't Forget - NEW Rebates Offer Customers Money Back on Water-saving Devices

Waterworks District No. 40 unveiled a new rebate program in June which offers cash back for the purchase of water-saving devices that will reduce water waste both indoors and outside. Rebates range from \$50 to \$200, except for the sprinkler nozzle rebate, which is up to \$4 for each nozzle and synthetic turf which is .30 cents per square foot. Rebates include:

- Rotating sprinkler nozzles
- Weather- based sprinkler controllers
- High-efficiency clothes washers
- Synthetic turf
- High efficiency and dual flush toilets
- Waterless urinals for businesses



All of the items eligible for rebates can be purchased at local hardware stores and nurseries, including the Home Depot, which has partnered with the Districts on their water conservation program.

Districts customers can visit <http://lacwaterworks.org/> to learn more or to apply for a rebate.

Scheduled Water Plant Maintenance Means Extra Conservation

Water supplies will be extremely limited November 16 - 22

The Antelope Valley East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) supplies about 60 percent of the water the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts supplies to customers in Lancaster and Palmdale. The remainder comes from District wells and storage facilities. In November 2008, AVEK will be performing the second phase of upgrade work at their Quartz Hill Water Treatment Plant which will require a complete shutdown from Sunday, November 16 to Saturday, November 22. This means no AVEK water will be available for delivery to our customers in Lancaster and Palmdale.

During this time, we will be relying on groundwater and the water in our storage tanks to provide our customers. As during past maintenance shutdowns, we will need your help to ensure there's enough water for all. Here's what you can do:

- Don't water your yard if possible; if necessary, only water before 6:00 am or after 6:00 pm.
- Don't wash your car or hose down leaves or grass clippings.
- Check your sprinklers. Fix leaks and repair broken sprinkler heads. Adjust your sprinklers to avoid spraying streets or sidewalks.

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New Water Disinfection Process To Begin in 2009. Chloramines replace chlorine for fewer byproducts.

Between January and March 2009, the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK) will switch from chlorine to chloramines disinfection to meet newly enacted, more stringent state and federal drinking water standards for disinfection byproducts. AVEK is the water wholesaler for Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, providing as much as 60 percent of the water we serve to customers. Chloramines are a combination of chlorine and ammonia. Compared to chlorine, chloramines produce lower levels of trihalomethanes, suspected carcinogens that form when chlorine mixes with natural organic substances in water. By converting to chloramines, your water will comply with the new drinking water standards. Also, the use of chloramines will improve taste and odor of water.

After extensive study, District No. 40 made the decision to convert our disinfection facilities from chlorine to chloramines as well. Many water suppliers in California have already successfully converted to chloramines. In fact, the Metropolitan Water District, the largest water wholesaler in Southern California, has been using chloramines successfully since 1984. By living or working in Los Angeles County, you may have already used chloraminated water. The Antelope Valley will join the growing number of communities using chloramines, and we are educating our customers in advance of the conversion.

As with chlorine, chloramines will be safe for drinking and other general household activities such as bathing, cooking, laundry, and cleaning. The water can also be used for gardening (the water is safe for plants) and for watering lawns with no adverse effects. But as with chlorine, chloramines must be removed or neutralized for kidney dialysis and aquatic animals. If you have any questions about the conversion, you can contact us AVEK at (661) 943-3201 or visit www.avek.org, or visit our website at www.lacwaterworks.org.

To report water leaks or nuisance water running into the street, call

(800) 675-HELP

Please provide an address or general location for our Waterworks crews to investigate.

California Natives: Now is the Time to Plant

Landscaping your yard and garden with California native plants is a smart alternative for residents who want to have a beautiful garden and save water and money. The best time to plant these plants—such as red and white yucca, buckwheat, various sages, deer grass, junipers, and penstemons—is between October and May. Using native or drought-tolerant plants not only saves water, but saves you maintenance time and produces a habitat for native birds, beneficial insects and wildlife.

For more information and great landscaping ideas, visit the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District Nursery at 10148 West Avenue I or The Home Depot at 44226 20th St West in Lancaster.

Visit <http://www.theodorepayne.org/> or <http://www.bewaterwise.com/> for seeds, plants, and planting tips.



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