



Rosamond Community Services District

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Waste Not, Want Not: Responding to the Drought

The few summer thunderstorms we received in June and July were welcome and needed. The rain they brought to our desert wasn't enough to reverse the effects of the drought, but it did stop it from getting much worse over the last month. The National Weather Service forecasts that the drought will persist without improvement for at least the next three months.

The state has called on water districts to respond to the drought by working with customers to reduce water use. RCSD is no

exception, but the RCSD board and staff recognize our community's extraordinary efforts to reduce water use over the last decade. Under the direction of the state, we are implementing guidelines to help our community reduce water waste, not water use. These guidelines are called our Stage 2 Water Conservation (No Waste) Program.

The main focus of our Stage 2 program is on outdoor sprinkler use, as this is one of the more significant sources of water use and waste. You would likely be surprised just how much, or little, water your lawn actually needs. You can get great information

Stage 2 No Waste Program Guidelines

Lawn and Landscape Watering

- Watering every other day or less frequently (You pick the days)
- No more than 11 minutes per watering station each morning and/or evening (No limit on drip systems).
- No watering between 7am and 8pm, April through September
- No watering between 10am and 6pm, October through March (You can water anytime during freezing weather)

Other Water Waste Limits

- Avoid irrigation runoff, especially anything longer than 5 minutes
- Fix water leaks within 24 hours of discovery
- No spraying down paved areas (sidewalk, driveway, patio, etc.)
- Only wash cars with a shutoff nozzle on the hose
- Decorative ponds, fountains, pools, and lakes must recirculate water.
- Water by request at restaurants



in the **Watering Guide** on our **Beautiful High Desert** page on our website. Just go to rosamondcsd.com and click the blue button with orange flowers on our home page.

It is essential that our customers know that the RCSD team has worked hard to develop an independent and secure water supply for our community. We have access to the water you need despite the adjudication and drought. That said, we must all do our part to carefully use and not abuse this precious resource.

RCSD is not the water police. We remain your partners in water conservation and have no intention of taking any actions to restrict water use that are not mandated by the state and absolutely necessary.

Visit our website, rosamondcsd.com, and under OUR SERVICES, select **Water Conservation** for more information.

Keeping Your Contact Information Up To Date

When we get a new phone or email address, one of the first things we do is tell all of our family and friends. But what about your water company?

RCSD uses your street address, email address, and phone number for more than just sending bills. This contact information is how we send out our monthly newsletters and reach out to our customers with essential health and safety information.

We can't keep you informed if we don't have your current contact information. The

good news is that it's easy to update your contact information yourself on our website. Just click over to rosamondcsd.com, then, under the I Want To menu, select **Update My Contact Info**.

Turn That Green Lawn Into Dollars

The Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District continues to pay eligible applicants cash money for removing their high-water use lawns. This program pays \$1 per square foot of living lawn removed. It also offers landscape design assistance and even free plants. The program is limited, with payouts made on a first-come, first-serve basis to eligible applicants, so don't wait! To learn more and apply for the rebate, visit avrkd.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

Despite being commonly available and used, household chemicals can be dangerous and toxic. That's why we need to keep them out of our water supply. Never dump household chemicals down drains, toilets, or in the desert. Instead, drop them at one of Kern County Public Work's upcoming free household hazardous waste events.

Saturday, August 6th, 9am - 1pm
Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill
12001 East Tehachapi Blvd

Saturday, August 20th, 9am - 1pm
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Remember to label each container and NEVER MIX CHEMICALS. Leaking containers will not be accepted.

