



Rosamond Community Services District

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No Water Waste Program In Effect

Rosamond remains in our Stage 2 water conservation program as we work alongside other California communities to cope with the ongoing drought. This stage is focused on using water efficiently and cutting down water waste.

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.

Water Banking 101

As anyone in the desert knows, water is one of our most precious natural resources. Like many resources, the cost of water fluctuates with its availability. The price comes down when we get good rains and water is readily available. During periods of drought, like the one we are currently experiencing, the price of water can skyrocket.

Water districts have a few options available to help tame these extreme prices during droughts. One of the most economical is utilizing a water bank.

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

A water bank is exactly what it sounds like: A place where large quantities of water can be deposited, stored, and withdrawn as needed. It essentially functions like a checking account at a traditional bank. However, instead of a vault full of cash, water banks store the water in the local aquifer.

Water can be purchased when it is plentiful and less expensive. The purchased water is then piped over to a special area of land called a recharge basin. The recharge basin allows the water to quickly percolate down through the ground and into the aquifer below. After making deposits, water bank participants can then pump up to the same amount of water they deposited back out of the aquifer for use.

RCSD participates in the Willow Springs Water bank. It is located on over 1,800 acres of land to the west of Rosamond and can store up to 500,000 acre-feet of water (one acre-foot of water is the amount of water it would take to cover one acre of land in a foot of water or about 325,900 gallons). This is just another way RCSD has been investing in proven methods and technologies to build up a secure water portfolio while keeping our customers' rates as low as possible.

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 avr.cd.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, September 3rd, 9am - 12pm
Mojave Special Waste Facility
17035 Finin Street, Mojave

Saturday, September 17th, 9am - 1pm
Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill
12001 East Tehachapi Blvd., Tehachapi

Remember to label each container and NEVER MIX CHEMICALS. Leaking containers will not be accepted.

Get more information on the Kern County Public Works website at kernpublicworks.com/hazardous-waste.



Bulky Waste Dropoff Date

Trash dumped in our deserts is a blight and community hazard. Do your part by disposing of your bulky trash items the right way. On Saturday, September 10th, Waste Management is hosting a free bulky item drop-off event at their facility in Rosamond.

Saturday, September 10th, 2022, 8am-12pm
Waste Management Rosamond
1731 Sierra Hwy, Rosamond

Remember, no hazardous waste, tires, or construction/demolition/remodeling materials are allowed.

