



## 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](http://rosamondcsd.com), and under [OUR SERVICES](#), select [Water Conservation](#) for more information.

### Billing System Change Underway

As covered in our last newsletter, RCSD is converting to a new billing system. This change is part of our continuing effort to bring our customers the best service at the lowest cost. Once the new system is in place, you will have a new account number and no longer need to use a phone payment ID to pay your bill over the phone. You will only need the new account number, which is found in the top right corner of your utility service statement.

We are on track to convert to the new billing system in late 2022 or early 2023. Keep an

### 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

eye on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and customer emails for news of when the conversion is complete and your account number has changed.

## The Big Deal About Our Small District

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is a not-for-profit that promotes good governance, best practices, and legislative advocacy for special districts in California, like RCSD. Over 1,300 organizations are members of CSDA, easily making it one of the highest authorities when it comes to special districts in California.

This year CSDA is traveling across the state to highlight three noteworthy projects in a virtual tour video that will be shown to CSDA members and California state legislators. These three projects are examples of excellent governance, innovative problem-solving, and big-picture thinking. RCSD is proud to have been selected for the virtual tour to showcase our new Rosamond Water Reclamation Plant (RWRP).

The RWRP represents a new solution for both wastewater treatment and groundwater replenishment. At the RWRP, wastewater is treated using a known and recognized biological-based treatment process until it meets or exceeds state standards. The water is then pumped into specially engineered percolation ponds that let the water seep down into the ground and return to our aquifer. The percolation process further filters and purifies the water, ensuring a safe and healthy groundwater supply.

Watermasters are people or boards tasked with ensuring local water resources are used responsibly. As part of the adjudication process, and in an effort to help our local aquifer heal after decades of overuse, a watermaster was set up in the Antelope Valley.

By treating and returning all of Rosamond's wastewater to our aquifer, RCSD has earned groundwater pumping credits from the local watermaster. These credits represent a new water source for RCSD that is not controlled or limited by the state. It's also a water source that contributes to the health and healing of our local aquifer.

Not only is the RWRP a cutting-edge project with so many benefits, but it is also unique because it has been designed, built, and implemented by one of the smaller special districts in our state. It's just another example of RCSD innovatively providing the best service possible for our customers.

## 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 Works' upcoming free household hazardous waste events.

**Saturday, November 5th, 9am - 12pm**  
**Mojave Special Waste Facility**  
**17035 Finin Street, Mojave**

**Saturday, November 19th, 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](http://kernpublicworks.com/hazardous-waste).

