



Rosamond Community Services District

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Resolve to Conserve Water

Each new year is an opportunity to reflect on the past and resolve to accomplish things in the future. While water conservation is not as trendy or exciting as getting back into shape or finishing that novel, it is still a worthy goal that can do a lot of good.

2023 was a great year for California water. Storms ended a devastating drought and did a lot to help recharge our California waterways. However, history shows that our state will likely have to endure another drought soon. This is why it is important to always be vigilant in our water use.

Water conservation can be as easy as only turning on the water when you're actually using it. Brushing your teeth? Turn the water off until it is time to rinse. Doing dishes? Put some water in the sink instead of leaving the faucet running. Washing your car? Use a spray nozzle.

Resolve to do your part to help prepare for the next drought by developing and maintaining good water use habits this year, before the next drought hits.

Upcoming Blood Drive

RCSD is excited to continue our partnership with the Red Cross and the community of Rosamond by hosting community blood drives. Unfortunately, our blood drive in December needed to be rescheduled because the Red Cross had a staffing issue. This only underscores the importance and need for blood donations.

Our next blood drive is planned for Thursday, January 25th, noon to 6pm, at the RCSD offices on 35th Street West. Watch your email and our facebook page for updates, or you can click over to redcrossblood.org/give and enter your zip code.

Did you know that someone in the US needs blood or platelets every 2 seconds? That amounts to a daily need of nearly 5,000 units of platelets, 6,500 units of plasma, and 29,000 units of red blood cells in the US every day! Every donation helps save a life and we are happy to help by hosting blood drives at RCSD.



Blood Drive **Rosamond Community Services District**

Location: Board Room
3179 35th Street W
Rosamond, CA 93560



Recycle Your Christmas Tree

The Kern County Public Works' Christmas Tree Recycling Program is available until Monday, January 8, 2024, providing you easy ways to recycle your Christmas tree. Recycling your tree is a great alternative to simply throwing it away and helps keep our desert clean.

You can put your tree in your greenwaste container. Be sure to remove all decorations first and cut the tree up enough that the lid can still close.

You can also drop your tree off at one of the two locations below:

Mojave-Rosamond Landfill

400 Silver Queen Road, 5 miles south of Mojave
Sun, Tue, Thu: 8 AM-12 PM;
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 8 AM-4 PM

Waste Management, Inc.

1731 Sierra Highway
Mon-Fri: 6 AM-5:30 PM

Whether you drop your tree off or cut it up at home for the greenwaste bin at home, make sure to remove all decorations first. Unfortunately, flocked trees cannot be recycled.

There's Still Time To Get Help Paying Your Water Bill

If you're falling behind on your payments or need help with your current bill so you don't fall behind, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help.

LIHWAP is a federally funded utility assistance program that is administered locally through the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK). Households can qualify for LIHWAP based on their income. Qualifying households can use LIHWAP even if they have not fallen behind and their accounts are still in good standing.

This no-cost-to-you program is not funded or administrated by RCSD, but can be applied to your RCSD bills. Learn more and see if you qualify at <https://energy.capk.org/water-utility-assistance/>



Looking Ahead and Behind

Did you know that previous bills are one of the best tools for water conservation? Paying attention to your historic usage can help you catch upward trends in water use on your new bills. Increases in water usage can be a sign of leaks or inefficient water use habits. Noticing these increases in usage can be an opportunity to correct them before they end up costing you some real money. As you are thinking back on the past year and looking ahead to the new one, spend some time with your water bill and make water conservation your continual resolution.

