



Rosamond Community Services District

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Cash For Grass And The AV Resource Conservation District

The Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District (AVRCD) is your local partner in saving water and encouraging good conservation habits through education and programs like cash for grass and their local plant nursery (see below).

AVRCD started as a soil conservation district in 1941, after the great dust bowl. The modern Resource Conservation District is managed by five local volunteers and focused on promoting conservation and restoration of natural resources in our area. AVRCD is a special district, similar to RCSD, and is a legal subdivision of the state government that covers 1.65 million acres of land in Los Angeles, Kern, and Ventura counties.

There are a few different programs AVRCD runs to help you conserve water and other natural resources. You can learn more about them at avr.cd.org, by calling 661-942-7306, or visiting their location at 10148 West Ave I, Lancaster CA, 93536.

Lawn Reduction Rebate Program

The lawn rebate program provides residents who are not eligible for other similar programs \$1 per square foot of lawn removed, reimbursement for landscape design, and plant materials for the new yard. The program covers any areas of irrigated lawn in front, side, and back yards. To qualify, lawns must be replaced with plants covering at least 25% of the area and remain for at least five years.

Nursery and Garden

Looking to buy drought-tolerant or water-efficient plants you know can survive in the Antelope Valley? Want to see those plants in landscape designs to help you come up with ideas for your own yard? Check out the nursery and conservation garden, open Thursday through Saturday each week, 8am to 4:30pm.

Spring Plant Sale

AVRCD offers 20% off all of the plants sold in their nursery one day every spring. That's big savings on drought-tolerant, native, and water-efficient plants and trees that can survive in the AV. This year the spring plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 4th, 8am to 4pm.

Help Keep Rosamond Beautiful

Last month we talked about our team's efforts to help keep Rosamond beautiful through graffiti abatement and cleanup. As we pointed out, the RCSD team can only clean up graffiti we know about. You can help by being our eyes on the street and reporting any graffiti you see around town.

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Upcoming Workshop

Looking for more information about the AVRCD lawn Reduction Rebate Program? RCSD is hosting a special workshop where you can get all your questions answered in-person.

RCSD Board Room
Saturday, April 13th - 9am & 11am

REMINDER: Severely Delinquent Account Fees Have Resumed

RCSD remains dedicated to keeping the water and sewer rates as low as possible. An important part of this effort is using every tool available to ensure our customers pay for the water and sewer service they actually use.

Two fees associated with severely delinquent accounts were resumed in February 2024.

\$20 door hanger fee - This fee recuperates the additional labor associated with serving severely delinquent accounts with a door hanger notice that their account will face a service disconnection for non-payment in ten business days.

\$45 service disconnection fee - This fee recuperates the additional labor associated with disconnecting severely delinquent accounts from water service for non-payment.

These two fees were originally approved in 2015, and were temporarily suspended to help customers with severely delinquent accounts recover financially during the pandemic. Please reach out to our customer service team if you have any questions.

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It's now easier than ever to report graffiti using our website. Click over to rosamondcsd.com/graffiti on your computer or smartphone to fill out a quick form with information about the graffiti. You can even attach photos to help our crew know what to look for and where.

Of course, you can still report graffiti by calling 661-256-3411 or emailing customerservice@rosamondcsd.com. When reporting graffiti, please include the following information:

- Address or cross streets
- Physical location (on a wall, building, etc)
- Any other helpful information

Our team is committed to cleaning up graffiti as soon as possible, often within 72 hours of it being reported. However, we are limited to only cleaning up where we have the permission and access needed to do so. All graffiti is photographed before being cleaned, and, while our team does the best

they can, we can't always match existing colors when painting over graffiti.

Thank you for your help in our efforts to keep Rosamond beautiful through graffiti abatement.

Friendlier Flushes

Toilets are the unsung heroes of modern sanitation and have come a long way in water efficiency in recent years. If you've got an old toilet, consider upgrading its flusher with a new water efficient mechanism, or even replacing the entire toilet. You may be surprised how much water- and money- you save. Remember, even the most water-efficient toilet can be a huge water waster if it's leaking. Regularly check your toilets for leaks and fix them promptly if you find one. After all, no one wants to flush money down the drain, but that's exactly what we do with leaking or inefficient toilets.

