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LET YOUR SPRINKLERS HIBERNATE

As the seasons change, so do our irrigation needs. During winter months, very little irrigation if any is needed. As the weather gets cooler, decrease your irrigation control settings or simply let your sprinklers hibernate for the winter. Here are some tips for winter irrigation use.



Let your lawn go dormant during winter months when watering isn't as essential.



Install a weather based irrigation controller that, once programmed, automatically adjusts irrigation needs based on current weather conditions.



Install a rain sensor to your current irrigation timer to automatically shut off your irrigation system during rain events.

RATE CHANGES COMING JANUARY 1

In April 2017, the Board of Directors adopted a five-year structure of water rate adjustments. This January will be the fourth year of the rate increase as part of the five-year plan. As of January 1, your rate will include a nine percent increase. The volumetric rate remains unchanged at \$0.92 for each 748 gallons of water used. The rate adjustments:



Fund necessary capital improvement projects



Maintain and improve financial stability



Meet required debt service obligations



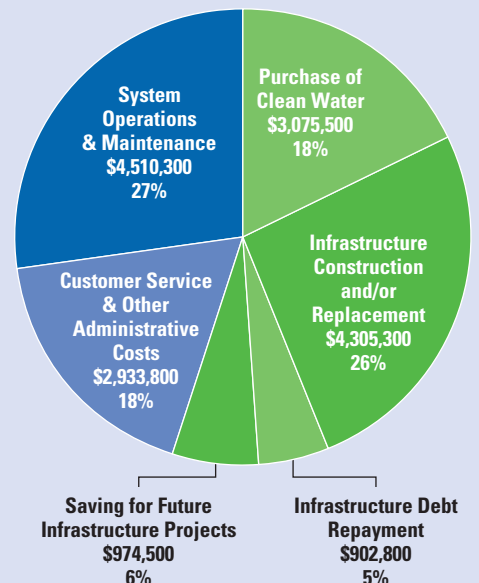
Maintain board-adopted reserve levels



Meet increased regulatory demands

Visit sjwd.org/fees-and-rates for more information.

WHAT YOUR RATE MONEY FUNDS





THINK TOILETS. THINK WATER EFFICIENCY.

November 19 is World Toilet Day. We all know that outdoor water use is the largest user of water at our homes but did you know that toilets are the largest users of water inside your home? According to the EPA, toilets account for nearly 30 percent of indoor residential use. For us, this day focuses on replacing inefficient, low-performance toilets with higher performing and more water efficient models. The WaterSense 1.28-gallon-per-flush models have equal or superior performance than older toilets.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate Bill 1 (vetoed)

Along with most in the water community, we opposed this bill because if it was signed it would have stopped the Voluntary Agreement process we have been engaged in for over a year. The Voluntary Agreement is our proposed alternative to the State Water Board's plan to reduce water supply reliability by requiring large releases of water from Folsom Reservoir and other reservoirs. We applaud the Governor for vetoing this legislation.

No Water Tax

San Juan was part of a statewide coalition opposed to the tax proposal. A majority of legislators initially supported imposing a tax on water bills to fund repairs to water systems in locations in California with failing water systems. While we support the goal of providing access to clean water for all, we and our coalition partners felt this was a need more appropriately paid for from the State's general fund and not as a tax on your water bill. After our coalition maintained a long, hard fight, ultimately legislators and the Governor agreed to provide \$130 million/year for these efforts from the general fund.

New Federal Biological Opinion for Operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project

The Biological Opinion, released in October, revises the regulatory constraints for operations of the state's two major water projects which is important for San Juan because the management of Folsom Lake is affected. This new "BiOp" is controversial and has been in the news recently.

For San Juan, we believe it provides benefits to improve management of Folsom that will increase water supply reliability for our region as well as enhanced fishery protections for the Lower American River. Our opinion is based on more than a decade of technical, scientific and habitat work undertaken through the Water Forum waterforum.org.

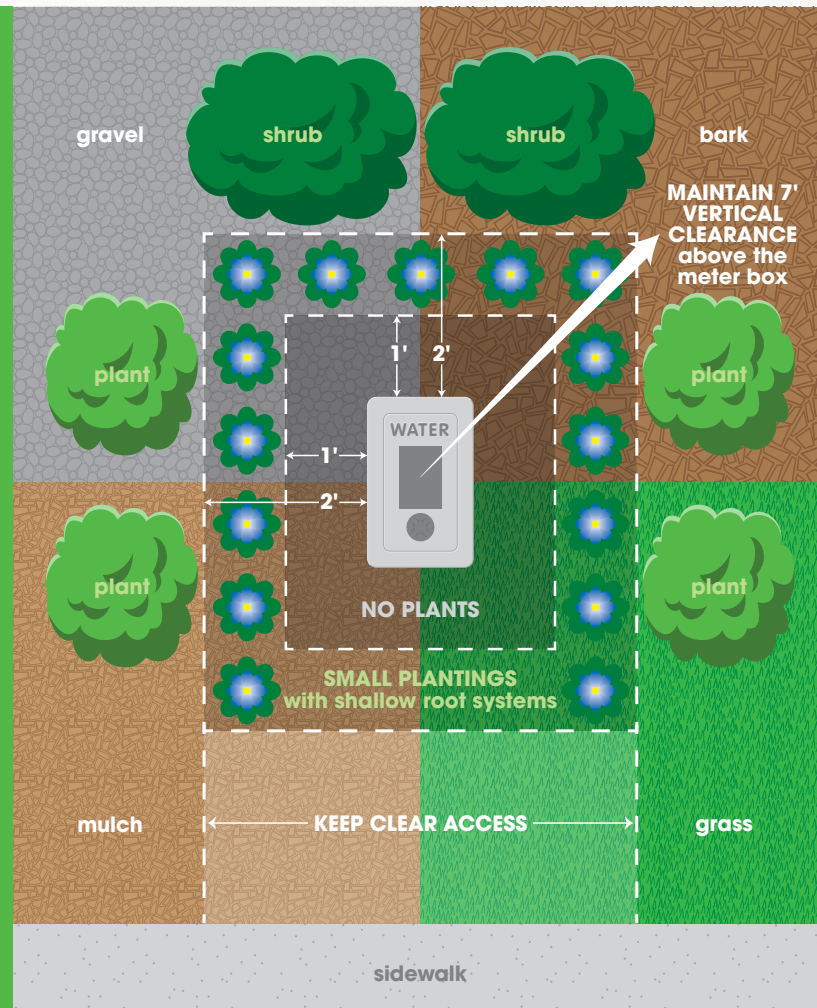
METER BOX CLEARANCE REMINDERS



Some customers prefer to hide their meter box by surrounding it with plants and other landscape material. Clear access to your meter box is important for maintenance by San Juan staff.

Please remove any plants located within the one-foot perimeter of the meter box. Turf grass, gravel, bark, mulch or dirt are acceptable. For the best service, please keep your meter box clear!

Learn more at sjwd.org/meter-box-clearance-requirements



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