



ENOUGH TO GO AROUND?

SJWD Takes Steps to Preserve Water Supply

At San Juan Water District, we plan ahead to provide a reliable, high quality water supply for our customers.

You may have read in newspapers recently how the water supply in other California communities may be impacted by drought, population growth, agricultural use and a reduction in water supply from the Colorado River. Our strategic planning prevents issues like these from affecting our customers.

Our water comes from the American River watershed, which is among the most pristine watersheds in the nation and ranks among the highest quality water available in California.

While we are fortunate to enjoy the highest quality water, we keep an eye on our supply. SJWD strategically plans to ensure customers' long-term water supply by supporting regional planning efforts that balance our needs with those of the environment. For example, as part of a conjunctive use program, members of the San Juan Family of Water Agencies use surface water during wet years and save groundwater for drier years. This method enhances water supply availability and reliability through better groundwater and surface water management.


In addition, SJWD incorporates long-term conservation programs as part of the recommendations from the California Urban Water Conservation Council. Additionally, SJWD is a member of the Regional Water Authority and supports the Water Forum, a water management and river protection plan. Such projects enable the district to work with other water providers in seeking a common goal — enhancing and maintaining our region's high-quality water supply for generations to come.

AVOIDING RUNOFF TO INCREASE WATER EFFICIENCY

Spring is already here, which means it's time to begin working in your garden and yard. Every year, runoff or "gutter flooding" from our driveways and lawns leads to a substantial amount of water loss. Avoiding runoff is simple — as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1 Use a broom or rake rather than a hose to clean driveways and patios.
- 2 If you see water running from your lawn or from the immediate area you're watering, it's time to turn off your irrigation system!
- 3 Become aware of your lawn's needs. Using a simple tool like a screwdriver can help you determine your lawn's water needs (see inset).

If you have an automatic irrigation system, set your timers to water for just the right amount of time so excess water doesn't end up in the gutter. Need assistance? We are happy to help you, free of charge. Just call us at (916) 791-0115.



USING A SCREWDRIVER TO TEST MOISTURE
Push a household screwdriver into the soil at various locations of your lawn. If it goes into the soil easily, then your lawn is still moist and does not need to be watered.



WHY CONSERVE WATER?

Water! We can't live without it. There are countless reasons for everyone to be water efficient. The more you save, the more that can be made available for:

- recreational uses, like boating, swimming and enjoying local lakes and rivers
- sustaining the ecosystem of the American River
- preparedness for future drought conditions

Visit www.sjwd.org to learn more about what you can do to be water efficient.

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER:
CHANGES IN BILL SERVICE
PERIOD FOR METERED
CUSTOMERS ARE COMING**

SJWD is changing the way it bills the base charge for metered customers. Metered customer's rates will not increase as a result of this transition — bills will just be calculated differently. Bills will soon be calculated by the number of days between meter reads as opposed to the flat two-month base charge. There will be no change to billing dates or due dates, and customers paying a flat rate will not be affected by this change.

If you have questions about your bill, contact SJWD customer service at (916) 791-0115.



**SJWD'S BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS
GIVE CUSTOMERS A CHOICE**

SJWD offers a variety of free bill payment options for our customers, including:

Electronic Funds Transfer — makes bill paying simple and hassle-free! Customers can have their water payments automatically deducted from their bank account.

Credit Card Payment — Visa and Master Card are accepted. Sign up to have the amount of your bill automatically charged to your credit card each billing cycle or call us to make a credit card payment over the phone.

To find out more about these and other payment options, visit www.sjwd.org or call customer service at (916) 791-0115.



**CONTACT SJWD'S WATER-EFFICIENT
LANDSCAPE EXPERTS...**

... For Advice on Getting More From Your Garden With Less Water

If you're having trouble with how to water your existing landscape, we can help! Our landscape expert, who is also a master gardener, will visit your home to consult with you about water-efficiency soil and irrigation needs. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call us at (916) 791-2663.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Regional Water Authority is hosting the following landscape seminars for homeowners:

- **Saturday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to noon.** Learn about plant selection and installation techniques for your landscape.
- **Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to noon.** Topics include landscape maintenance techniques and irrigation scheduling.

Both seminars will take place at the Maidu Community Center, located at 1550 Maidu Drive in Roseville. Cost is \$10 for each seminar. For more information, call the RWA at (916) 967-7692.



BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

SJWD board of director meetings generally take place every month on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the San Juan Water District. Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

- April 9 and 23
- May 14 and 28
- June 11 and 25

For more information, visit www.sjwd.org.



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