

Running Springs Water District April 2012 District Newsletter

We are providing this Newsletter to our customers in an effort to share information regarding the District's ongoing activities, operations and services.

General Manager Retiring

After almost 29 years of dedicated service, General Manager Sam Massey will be retiring. During his time with the District, Manager Massey has provided expertise in overseeing the District's Financial and Water/Wastewater Master Plans, as well as ensuring the everyday functions of the Water and Wastewater systems are running appropriately for the needs of our customers. The District wishes Sam the best in his retirement.

The District deadline for the General Manager applications was March 23, 2012. The District received an outstanding response with exceptionally qualified candidates. The District is currently processing the applications and will soon begin the interview process. District customers will be notified once the new General Manager has been selected.

Availability Billing

Just as a reminder, the annual Water/Sewer Availability billing for unimproved property will be mailed out the beginning of May 2012 and will be due no later than July 2, 2012. If payment is not received by July 2, 2012, the delinquent bills will be placed on the San Bernardino County property tax roll.

Annual Weed Abatement

The Running Springs Fire Department will begin their inspections for the annual weed abatement program on June 1, 2012. Please do your part in ensuring that your property has met the requirements of the Fire Department. You can obtain additional information regarding guidelines for weed abatement at www.runningspringsfd.org or by calling (909) 867-2630. Please watch for a weed abatement brochure in the May 2012 water bills.

Stop and Waste Valves

The District requires that every property has its own water shut off valve. Not only is the stop and waste valve important to use when you are away from your home, but it will assist in turning your water off for repairs. If you do not have a functioning stop and waste valve and need to have your water turned off, please call the District office at (909) 867-2766 or (909) 867-2340. *(Please note that there is a fee associated with this service).* The District meter valves are not for public use and if improperly used, can result in broken valves. The owner may be held responsible for repair charges of those valves.

Ten Outdoor Water Conservation Tips to save water and lower your monthly bill

1. Do not over water your plants. More plants die from over watering than from under watering. Make sure the soil is dry several inches down near the base of the plant before watering.
2. Deep soak each time you water. Watering deeply creates a healthy root system that is better equipped to withstand drought and heat.
3. Cut back on watering when runoff occurs. Allow moisture to soak into the ground by lowering the duration of watering.
4. Use watering cans whenever possible, especially when watering just a few patio plants. Watering with a hose may actually put more water on the patio than in the containers as you move from plant to plant.
5. Water early in the morning or late in the evening when temperatures are cool and winds are calm.
6. Check hose connections for leaks and repair them promptly.
7. Adjust your sprinklers so water is aimed directly at plants rather than driveways, fences or the street.
8. Install a drip irrigation system or soaker hose around trees and shrubs.

9. Using mulch around plants and trees will greatly slow the evaporation of water from the soil.

10. Grow drought tolerant plants, many which can survive with less than an inch of water per week, once established.

For more information regarding District functions and activities, please contact the District office by phone at (909) 867-2766, or by mail at P.O. Box 2206, Running Springs, CA, 92382. In addition, we hold public Board Meetings at 9:00 am on every third Wednesday of the odd numbered months and at 6:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the even numbered months at our District Office located at 31242 Hilltop Blvd (Highway 18) in Running Springs.

“The Mission of the Running Springs Water District is to provide water, fire, emergency medical service, sewer, and other beneficial services to the community: The goal of the District shall be to do so with the highest level of integrity and ethical principles and in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible.”