



SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

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BATTLING THE DROUGHT DROP BY DROP









Dry conditions persist across the state, intensifying the severity of our multi-year drought.

While San Gabriel County Water District has adequate supplies to serve our customers, we all need to do our part to help preserve this shared resource.

Since the response to the Governor's calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use across California fell short, the State Water Resources Control Board enacted mandatory water restrictions. In response, the SGCWD Board of Directors moved to a Stage 2 Water Emergency.



THE MEASURE IS INTENDED TO CUT WATER USE BY 20 PERCENT SYSTEM-WIDE. TO HELP REACH THAT GOAL, THE FOLLOWING CONSERVATION RULES ARE NOW IN EFFECT:

-  Unless required for health or safety reasons, using potable water to clean driveways and other hard surfaces is prohibited.
-  Hoses must have an auto-shutoff nozzle when used for watering landscape or washing cars.
-  Drinking water can no longer be used to fill, clean, or maintain ponds or other water features unless those features include a recirculating system.
-  Swimming pools and spas can be topped off, but draining and refilling pools, spas, or fountains is no longer allowed.
-  Restaurants may only provide glasses of drinking water to diners upon request.
-  Irrigation systems shall not be utilized within 48 hours of measurable rainfall.
-  All indoor and outdoor leaks must be repaired within 72 hours of any notice provided by SGCWD.
-  Irrigation systems must be maintained and adjusted as necessary to avoid any excessive runoff on streets and sidewalks.

Irrigation Changes

Outdoor watering is now limited to two days per week. All watering must take place between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. according to the following schedule:

💧 Properties with **EVEN numbered addresses** may only water on Mondays and Thursdays.

💧 Properties with **ODD numbered addresses** may only water on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We know many of you are already avoiding wasteful practices, and we thank you for your continued efforts to conserve water. **By working together to use water responsibly, we can ensure there is plenty of clean water available now and for future generations.**



YOUR WATER-SAVING EFFORTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Water conservation is more important than ever during a drought. Even minor changes to your habits can make a significant difference when it comes to saving our most precious resource.

HERE'S HOW:



Fixing a leaking faucet will save 1 gallon per day, or 365 gallons during a year.



Waiting to run a dishwasher until it is full can result in one less cycle each week, saving 728 gallons each year.



Reducing shower time by one minute saves 2.5 gallons a day, or 912.5 gallons each year.



Watering your lawn one less minute each cycle will save 8 gallons per week, or 2,920 gallons each year.



Cleaning your car at a car wash instead of at home will save 88 gallons per wash, or 4,576 gallons a year if you clean your car once a week.



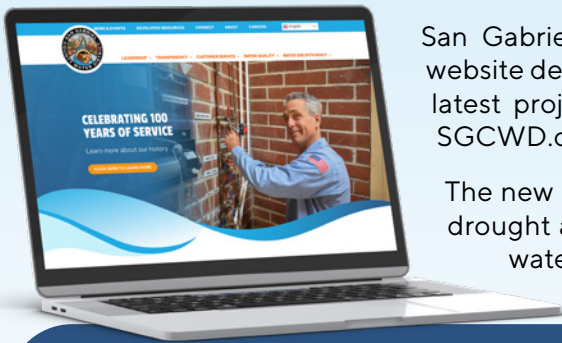
Washing laundry one less cycle per week can save 6,935 gallons per year.



Fixing a leaking toilet can save 200 gallons per day, or 73,000 gallons per year.

Add up all those steps and you could conserve NEARLY 90,000 GALLONS IN A YEAR, which is equal to 960,000 12-OUNCE GLASSES OF WATER!

REDESIGNED WEBSITE OFFERS USER-FRIENDLY FEATURES



San Gabriel County Water District recently launched an updated, mobile-friendly website designed to benefit our customers. Details of the District's history and mission, latest projects, operations, and customer services can be found on the revamped SGCWD.com.

The new look and layout make it easier than ever to pay bills, stay up to date on the drought and water regulations, find conservation ideas, and learn about rebates for water-saving devices. **We encourage you to explore the new website and learn more about San Gabriel County Water District.**

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE IN WATER DELIVERY

San Gabriel County Water District proudly honors all of its employees who have worked over the last 100 years to deliver high-quality water to our customers.

When the District was organized on November 12, 1921, it served customers in the City of San Gabriel and unincorporated areas. SGCWD has since grown in territory, customers, and employees. Today, the agency serves nearly 40,000 people in a 4-square-mile area of the valley that includes parts of San Gabriel, Rosemead, and nearby unincorporated areas.

The first Board of Directors held its initial meeting on February 20, 1922, at the District's office, then located at 538 W. Mission Dr. in San Gabriel. The headquarters later moved to our current location on Grand Avenue in Rosemead.

While our location has changed, our commitment to our customers remains the same, as we work every day to deliver a vital source of water to homes and businesses.



THE BEST TIME TO FIX A WATER LEAK IS RIGHT NOW!

To conserve water and save money on monthly bills, San Gabriel County Water District encourages customers to promptly repair leaks, drips and other plumbing issues.



Planned fixes are less expensive than emergency repairs, and can help you avoid flood damage that creates a mess and could require the replacement of floors, walls, and personal property.



The most common locations of water leaks are toilets, faucets, showerheads, and irrigation systems. If you hear the toilet running even when it hasn't been flushed recently, it is a sign of a slow leak. In many cases, replacing the flapper inside the toilet tank is a quick and straightforward repair that can save about 200 gallons of water each day.



By quickly repairing leaks, you can avoid water waste, higher bills, and more costly repairs if those leaks become worse.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Tony Maas
Water Service Worker 3

Time with District:
9 years

Job duties: I help maintain the distribution system, which involves exercising gate valves, flushing water mains, and changing meters. I work with the distribution crew to repair main leaks, service leaks, repair or replace broken fire hydrants and mark out the District's water lines for all San Gabriel and Rosemead construction jobs. I also do monthly meter reading.

Favorite part of the job: Every day is different, and I get to do many various jobs, which are required to maintain an efficient distribution system.

Interesting facts about me: I love spending time with my wife and kids when I am not at work. We have a 12-year-old son, Luke, and a toddler son, Jake. Luke is really into basketball and plays for our city's league. Jake, as a 2-year-old, is very active and keeps us busy.



Anthony Agobian
Project Manager

Time with District:
14 years

Job duties: My responsibilities are handling service installations, managing the District's contracting, scheduling and Capital Improvement Projects, working with developers on new projects and coordinating inventory control.

Favorite part of the job: I genuinely enjoy the camaraderie among all the employees.

Interesting facts about me: I spend my free time with my wife and two young children, a 5-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter.



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APPLY ONLINE AND GET PAID TO CONSERVE WATER!

Did you know that you can receive cash to help offset the cost of water conservation upgrades? Metropolitan Water District of Southern California offers San Gabriel County Water District customers rebates for turf replacement and water-saving devices and appliances.

Residential and commercial customers qualify for rebates on the purchase of high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers, irrigation controllers, sprinkler nozzles and more, and for replacing grass with drought-tolerant landscaping. The amount of the incentive varies by item.



Visit **www.SoCalWaterSmart.com** to apply and learn more.



JOIN US FOR A BOARD MEETING

The SGCWD Board of Directors meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the District's office at 8366 Grand Avenue in Rosemead. Public participation is welcome.

ABOUT SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

San Gabriel County Water District delivers clean, reliable water to our customers every day.

The District is fortunate to receive its supplies from the Main San Gabriel and Raymond groundwater basins, which provide a dependable source for drinking water, even during drought.

SGCWD constantly monitors water before it is delivered, conducting more than 1,000 tests throughout the year to ensure it meets all state and federal drinking water standards. The test results are compiled in our annual water quality report, which can be viewed online at sgcwd.com/ccr starting July 1, 2022.



SERVICE AREA
2,680 acres



METERS
9,309 water connections



RESERVOIRS
3



MAINLINES
82 miles of pipes



COMBINED STORAGE
12.8 million gallons



SOURCE OF SUPPLY
6 active wells