

City of Pittsburg Water Utilities Department 65 Civic Avenue Pittsburg, California 94565

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# **Water Conservation Update for Our Customers**

# California's Drought affects your community

On January 17, the Governor of California declared a statewide drought emergency and called upon local urban water suppliers to implement local water shortage contingency plans.

Pittsburg receives raw water from the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), and treats it at the City's Water Treatment Plant. CCWD responded to the state's drought conditions by **implementing a 15% Voluntary Drought Management Program** focused on reducing outdoor water use.

While the program is voluntary, the City of Pittsburg is increasing outreach, education, and conservation services to help its customers respond. The lawn-to-garden rebate program recently increased the rebate amount per square foot of lawn replaced, as well as the amount of the rebate for water-wise design.

#### **Water Conservation Newsletter**

Sign-up for the monthly e-newsletter that keeps you updated on the water supply and has useful tips that will help you save water. <a href="http://www.ccwater.com/conserve/consprinkleremail.asp">http://www.ccwater.com/conserve/consprinkleremail.asp</a>

### Single-Family Residential Home Water Use Survey

During the home water survey, a member of CCWD's water conservation team will:

- Provide useful conservation tips to help you manage your water use.
- Inspect irrigation stations, and provide a checklist of suggested improvements.
- Provide irrigation scheduling information to assist you with programming your timer.
- Check for signs of leaks.
- Demonstrate how to read your water meter and use it to monitor your use.
- Provide high-efficiency showerheads and kitchen faucet aerators, if needed.

This free service is offered to Pittsburg customers.

#### **Lawn to Garden Workshop**

Come to a FREE workshop on how to replace your lawn with a beautiful water-wise landscape presented by the Contra Costa Water District and the Gardens at Heather Farm.

Saturday, April 26, 2014 or Saturday, August 23, 2014 Time: 9am – noon

Signup: Visit the Gardens at Heather Farm website at <a href="www.gardenshf.org">www.gardenshf.org</a> or call (925) 947-1678. <a href="http://www.ccwater.com/files/LoseLawnFlyer.pdf">http://www.ccwater.com/files/LoseLawnFlyer.pdf</a>

**Registration is required** in order to receive an informational packet http://www.ccwater.com/files/LoseLawnFlyer.pdf 

#### **Commercial High-Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebates**

Rebates of up to \$220 are offered to commercial customers to install high-efficiency commercial clothes washers in laundromats and apartment common laundry facilities.

High-efficiency commercial clothes washers can significantly reduce water, energy and sewer costs.



# Residential High-Efficiency \$125 Toilet Rebates

To help you save water and money every year, and to maximize water supplies, the Contra Costa Water District is offering \$125 instant or mail-in rebates when you purchase a High Efficiency Toilet to replace an older high volume toilet. This program may end this year.



# Multi-Family & Commercial High-Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program

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#### **Smart Sprinkler Timer Rebates**

For a limited time, the District is offering rebates on select smart sprinkler timers. Smart timers reduce water waste by adjusting the landscape watering schedule automatically based on changes in the weather. Not only can you save water, you can save the hassle of resetting your timer manually.

We have both commercial and residential rebate programs.