

## ***PURISSIMA PIPELINE***

**REDUCE YOUR WATER USE** Due to an abnormally low rainfall this winter, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is requesting a voluntary 10% reduction in water use to preserve the limited supply. This was the fourth driest winter on record and the Sierra snow pack (our water supply) is 46% of normal for the season. The reduced snow pack in the surrounding watershed may not be sufficient to meet normal demand later this summer or fall. Taking steps now to reduce water use may help curtail the possibility of mandatory rationing and deeper water consumption limits later this year. Since the District receives 100% of its water from the SFPUC, we are directly affected by any mandatory water limitation. Last year, the average water demand throughout the 27 agencies served by the SFPUC was 88 gallons per person per day. Our usage was the highest with 306 gallons per person per day for the same period. Below are ten easy ways to reduce your home water use. Feel free to contact Alexis Shields, Water Conservation Specialist for more water saving tips!

### **Ten Water-Saving Tips**

1. Water only what your plants need. For example: water your lawn once a week and only at night.
2. Check your home's water meter for system leaks. Turn off all faucets and water-using appliances, and then check your meter. If the blue triangle on your meter dial is moving, then you have a leak in a toilet or water pipe.
3. This spring plant drought-tolerant plants. Wise landscaping can save up to 50 percent of the water you use outdoors.
4. Turn off the faucet when you are brushing your teeth or in between doing the dishes. Faucets can spout 2 to 3 gallons per minute. Don't pre-rinse dishes before loading the dishwasher. You'll save as much as 20 gallons a load, or 6,500 gallons per year.
5. Take shorter showers. Each minute you cut saves 2.5 gallons.
6. Use a broom to clean sidewalks, driveways and pavement instead of using a hose.
7. Run your washing machine and dishwashers with full loads only, even if the machine has an adjustable load setting.
8. Install faucet aerators or low-flow faucets in your kitchen and bathrooms.
9. Replace older toilets with low-flow models. They use less than half as much water as older models.
10. Replace your clothes washer with a water-saver.

**OPEN HOUSE!** We have moved into our new building. Our office is located to the far left of the parking lot. Join us in celebrating our wonderful new location Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from 2 pm to 6 pm. Refreshments will be served.

**VISIT PURISSIMA ONLINE!** We are excited to announce our new Web site at [www.purissimawater.org](http://www.purissimawater.org).

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