

PURISSIMA PIPELINE

SPOTLIGHT

As many of you already know, in April the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission requested a voluntary 10% reduction in water use to preserve the limited water supply. At this time, our District has not reflected a significant amount of water reduction. Please do what you can to conserve water during this time of requested reduction. Below are a few simple and easy ways to reduce your water use.

1. Water only the amount that 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, you have a leak in your main line, irrigation line, or toilet.
3. Turn off the faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes. Faucets can spout 2 to 3 gallons per minute. Do not pre-rinse dishes before loading the dishwasher. You will save as much as 20 gallons per load, or 6,500 gallons per year.
4. Take shorter showers. Each minute you cut saves 2.5 gallons.
5. Use a broom to clean sidewalks, driveways, and pavement instead of using a hose.
6. Run your washing machine and dishwasher with full loads only, even if the machine has an adjustable load setting.
7. Install faucet aerators or low-flow faucets in your kitchen and bathrooms.
8. Replace older toilets with low-flow models. They use less than half as much water as older models.
9. Replace your old clothes washer with a water-saving one.
10. Plant drought tolerant landscaping. This can save you up to 50 percent of your outdoor water use.

Now that summer is here and customers are running irrigation, there is a lot of water running down the streets. Run-off is usually due to saturated or steeply sloped soil that can no longer absorb the water it is receiving. To avoid excessive water run-off from your property, use multiple start times on your irrigation controller. This allows you to run the irrigation several times so that the landscape gets the amount of water it needs, and the soil is given time to absorb the water.

Please feel free to contact Alexis Shields at ashields@purissimawater.org or call 650/948-1217 for further information or assistance on any of the above topics.

METERS

Please be sure to keep the landscape surrounding your meter maintained. Meters can be very difficult to find if they are buried beneath overgrown shrubs and plant debris. If we are unable to access your meter due to overgrowth, it will be necessary for us to cut back the shrubbery.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Isabel Steffens. Isabel came closest to guessing the amount of jelly beans in a jar at the Town Picnic. She won a Camel Back water backpack which she says will be put to good use. There were a total of 1,225 beans in the jar. Good job, Isabel!

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