

**BOARD APPOINTMENT** *The fifth Director of the Purissima Hills Water District will be appointed by the Board after December 10, 2008. If you would like to be considered for this position, please submit a letter to the District stating your intent and qualifications. Please call our office if you need more information. You must be a resident of the District and a registered voter. **The deadline for submitting your letter is 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008.***

**NOW IS THE TIME TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!**

Your irrigation clocks, that is! Fall is here and there is no need to water your gardens using the same program as in the summer months. As summer turns to fall, you should cut your watering time by half. The amount of water loss due to evaporation is much less now with the shorter cooler days.

**TIP:** An easy way to reduce your water use is to use the percent adjust feature (if your irrigation clock has one—most do). Reducing your current watering schedule to 50% or more is appropriate for this time of year.

**DON'T FORGET TO PLANT THOSE POPPIES!**

The best time to plant the poppy seeds you recently received in the mail is before the fall rains start. Poppy seeds grow best in dry places with soil that drains well. Poppies do not like their roots disturbed, so it is much easier to grow them from seeds than to transplant them, and it is best to plant in an area where poppies are not already growing. These flowers are a wonderful way to add a dazzling splash of color to your garden.

**REBATES REBATES REBATES**

We want to be sure that all of you are in the “know” about these great rebates to assist you in conserving water! Below is a list of rebates offered through the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

- ❖ Clothes Washer Rebate Program
- ❖ High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program
- ❖ Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program
- ❖ Weather Based Irrigation Controller Program
- ❖ Water Wise House Call Program (free)
- ❖ Low Flow Showerheads and More (In District Office)
- ❖ Irrigation Technical Assistance Program (free)
- ❖ Classes Open to the Public

When applying for rebates on toilets, washing machines, irrigation controllers/ hardware, or landscape turf replacement, be sure to contact the Purissima Hills Water District or the Santa Clara Valley Water District **before** you begin. A pre-installation report is required **prior** to any changes. Please contact Alexis Shields at 650/948-1217 or email [ashields@purissimawater.org](mailto:ashields@purissimawater.org) with any questions regarding rebates.

**Reminder!**

We are still in a drought! Below are some tips on how to reduce your water use:

Inside:

- ❖ Only run full loads in the dishwasher and the clothes washer.
- ❖ Do not let water run while you are washing dishes.
- ❖ Fix leaky faucets and pipes.

Outside:

- ❖ Routinely check for broken, leaking, or clogged sprinklers.
- ❖ Only water plants when they need it.
- ❖ Instead of a hose, use a broom to clean driveways and patios.

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