



Improve Summer Water Use Efficiency

1. Established landscapes should be watered thoroughly 2-3 times a week. Watering thoroughly, but infrequently, will help roots go deeper resulting in more water-efficient, drought-tolerant plants. Also keep in mind, your plant's water need may increase when the temperature is extremely hot.
2. Ensure your sprinklers are watering the lawn and garden, not the driveway or sidewalk.
3. Make sure to inspect your irrigation system for leaks or leaking control valves.
4. The best time to water your landscape is early mornings or late nights. The temperature is much cooler during those times of the day, which helps prevent evaporation.
5. It is recommended that toilets get checked once every 6 months for leaks. Toilet leaks are one of the more common reasons why your water bill might be high. We provide dye tablets in the office or if you have food coloring at home, that also works as well.



Your Beacon Device

- Eyeonwater & Beacon device purpose:
 - 1. Give customers the availability to view and monitor their water usage.
 - 2. **Early leak notification via email or text**
- Early leak notifications are not intended to be the primary leak detection method due to its dependency on cell signal. These notifications are meant to be a tool to help bring awareness to the customer before receiving an unexpected high bill.
- Beacons do not communicate in real time. The device communicates once every 24 hours.
- Beacons transmit through cellular signal. With hilly terrain and tree coverage, your device may not communicate for a few days. We try to monitor, as best as we can, that your device is communicating information on a regular basis.
- Grey bars – This means your device did not communicate in the expected interval. In the unlikely event that this happens, when the device establishes communication again, it will graph the average of the total water used during that period.
- **If you haven't signed up for Eyeonwater, email Samantha Vu: samv@purissimawater.org**

Valley Water Proposes Changing Rates on Well Use

By PHWD Director Steve Jordan

At our May 15th 2019 board meeting, Valley Water presented a proposed change in the zones of benefit for groundwater production. PHWD is not involved in groundwater regulation and does not deliver groundwater, but Valley Water is responsible for managing the groundwater in Santa Clara County. They provide groundwater recharge in central and southern parts of the County, and they charge for pumping groundwater throughout nearly all of the County. They have undertaken a study to better determine which areas benefit from this recharge. In summary, many areas within PHWD east of Fremont Road may see a slight reduction in the groundwater charge, while many areas west of Fremont Road, which previously did not pay a groundwater charge will be required to. The community is invited to provide input into the Groundwater Benefit Zone Study throughout the process.

Their report is available at www.valleywater.org/gwbenefits. Their presentation to PHWD is available at www.purissimawater.org/newsletters.



REMINDER:

Clear away overgrown plants or brush that block access to meter boxes and backflows and that may hinder District crew from access.