

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

# WATERLINE REPORT

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## The Board of Directors

meets regularly  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesdays  
of each month  
at 7 p.m.

at the District Office



## Swap Your Water-Guzzling Toilet for a Free High-Efficiency Toilet: May 7th & 21st

Swapping an inefficient older toilet for a High Efficiency Toilet, or “HET” can save over 18,000 gallons of water a year per home! JBWD and the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation are partnering to provide **free** high-efficiency toilets for JBWD customers in exchange for older models.

This offer is available for JBWD water account holders. Toilets that use more than 1.6 gallons per flush will qualify for the free replacement.

The event will be held at the JBWD parking lot 8 am -12 noon on May 7th and 21st. Here’s how it works:

- Only Joshua Basin Water District account holders are eligible.
- Account holders with single residential and multi-residential up to four units may apply.
- Small businesses may also apply.
- Customers who previously received toilets through the voucher and rebate program will not qualify for this program.
- Maximum two toilets per account.
- See the specifications of the high efficiency toilet at: [www.hettoilets.com/joshuatree](http://www.hettoilets.com/joshuatree) to be sure that the free replacement model will fit correctly where you plan to take out the old toilet.
- Apply online at : [www.hettoilets.com/joshuatree](http://www.hettoilets.com/joshuatree) .
- Watch for your confirmation letter.
- Bring your confirmation letter and your water bill to the District on May 7th and pick up your new toilet. Take it home and have it installed.
- After installing the new toilet, bring the old water-wasting toilet to JBWD on May 21st to complete the swap. Participants who receive a free toilet and do not return with the replaced toilet will be billed \$150 for the new toilet.



We hope you like the new look of your *Waterline Report* newsletter, now being printed on high quality glossy paper for clearer text and pictures. An upgrade like this usually comes at an increased price, but we are fortunate to have been offered the upgrade - at a **cost savings!**

## Garden Art Show - Art and More! April 16th

The Joshua Tree Water Wise Demonstration Garden's first anniversary will be observed with the **Desert Landscape Garden Art Show** here at the District office parking lot Saturday, April 16th from 2 to 4 pm. The event is open to the public.

Please join us for the art and vendor show. Come and browse offerings of our many talented local artists, take part in water conservation activities, relax in the garden - or take a self-guided or docent-guided tour, enjoy a wine tasting event, and learn about water-wise gardening!

There is no cost to attend. The Art Show is sponsored by Joshua Basin Water District and the Art Association of the Morongo Basin.



### Spotlight on - Deborah Bollinger

As JBWD's Conservation Coordinator for the past three years, it's Deb's mission to show our already water-conscious customers how to conserve *even more*.

That's not a problem for Deb! She's highly qualified, and enjoys her work as a certified "Water Conservation Practitioner".



An expert in desert landscaping and water wise irrigation, her input during the planning and construction of the Joshua Tree Water Wise Demonstration Garden was invaluable, and she continues to oversee the garden's care and maintenance.

Some of her ongoing programs are conservation education for JT elementary school students, and conducting audits for the highest water-use customers advising them on the best ways to conserve.

This month, Deb will present the "Water Wise Watercourse" to over 100 fifth-grade students from Joshua Tree elementary schools, and conduct landscape training for garden docents.

### April is Earthquake Preparedness Month Prepare Your Emergency Water Supply!

Take the time NOW to review and restock your emergency water supply. Store a minimum of one gallon per person per day for three days. Consider storing more if you can - as much as you can.

- For emergency supply, commercially bottled water is recommended.
- If you decide to re-use a container, two-liter plastic soft drink bottles are a good choice.
- Don't use containers that have been used for milk or fruit juice.
- Clean plastic containers with dishwashing soap and water and rinse well.
- Then sanitize the bottles with a mix of 1 teaspoon unscented household bleach to 1 quart of water; swish the bottles and rinse.
- Fill to the top with tap water and twist the cap on tightly
- Store water in a cool, dark place.

[www.earthquakecountry.info](http://www.earthquakecountry.info)

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

[www.calema.ca.gov](http://www.calema.ca.gov)

### Stay Safe - Call Before You Dig!!



Now that Spring has sprung, you may be planning to spruce up your outdoor living areas by planting, or adding fences or sidewalks. To keep your family and home safe from accidents involving underground utility lines, always **call before you dig**.

DigAlert's **free** utility marking service is for everyone, professionals and do-it-yourselfers alike. Just **dial 811** two working days or more before starting your project. Utility companies will mark underground lines up to the meters. Remember, **every** digging job requires a call!

For more information stop by our booth at the Saturday Farmers Market for free brochures and promotional items!

[www.digalert.org](http://www.digalert.org)

### The Water Wise Demonstration Garden at JBWD

will be included in the "Desert-Wise Landscape Tour" hosted by the Morongo Basin Conservation Association on April 17th. There is a nominal registration fee. For more information:

[www.mbconservation.org](http://www.mbconservation.org)