

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

WATERLINE REPORT

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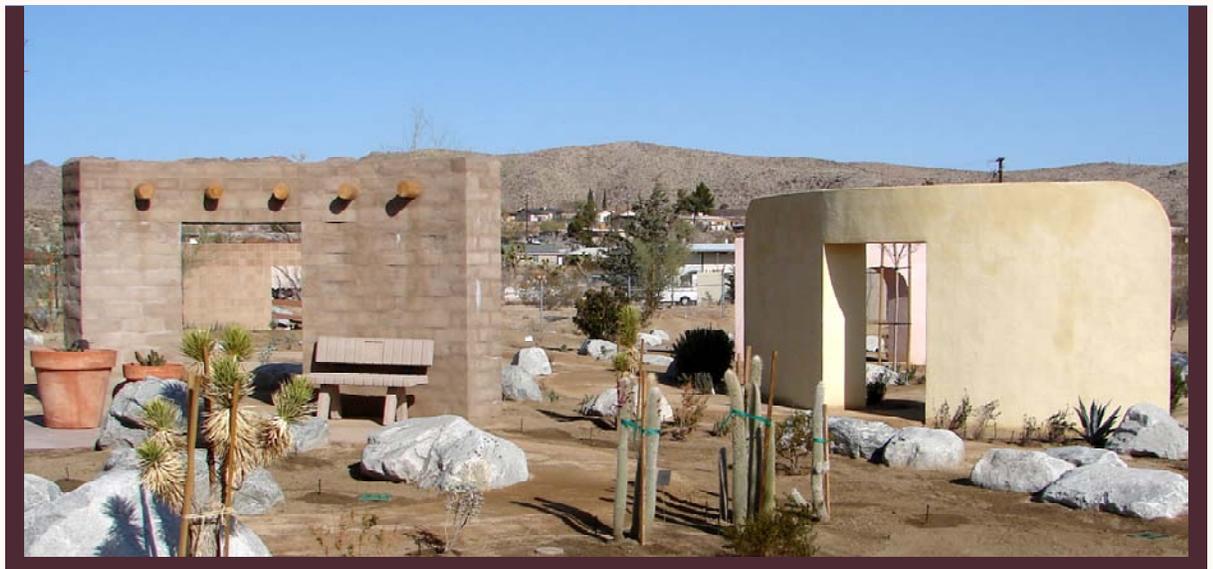
Don't Miss This! J.T. Water-Smart Landscape Exhibit April 17th, beginning at 12:00 Noon

Mark your calendar for April 17th to celebrate the Grand Opening of our Joshua Tree Water-Smart Landscape Exhibit. In conjunction with Earth Day 2010, the District has planned a fun and informative event for this first day of public enjoyment of the landscape exhibit. The event takes place next to the Joshua Basin Water District office, 61750 Chollita Road in Joshua Tree.

Full of native and drought-tolerant plants, the landscape exhibit was designed for our area, with input from Joshua Tree National Park, The Summertree Institute, AWAC and others. It could be considered five landscapes in one as it represents the themes of five residential landscape templates available on our website. Visit our exhibit for inspiration, then download the plans to create your own at home!

The Grand Opening will feature

- Theodore Payne Foundation with seeds & seedlings of plants featured in the exhibit
- Mike Branning of Unique Garden Center on care of native and drought-tolerant plants
- Local Native Americans Otter Smith & Manny Martinez on historical uses of native plants by Native Americans (ethnobotany)
- Cactus Mart demonstration on container gardening with cactus and succulents
- Janet Kornbluth demonstrating how to quick-start native seeds
- Music and light refreshments will be provided



Special thanks to the Bureau of Reclamation, Mojave Water Agency, and the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation, whose generosity funded much of the cost of the garden.

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Joshua Basin Water District is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month

Did you know... there is an estimated 99.7% chance of having one or more magnitude 6.7 or larger earthquakes in California over the next 30 years.

Take the time to prepare yourself, your family and your home to be as safe as possible in the event of an earthquake.

Review your family's earthquake preparedness plan; add needed supplies to your kit.

Update and replace, if needed, any perishable items, *especially water*. Store a minimum of one gallon per person per day for three days - double that amount or more if you can. Keep the water in a cool, dark place. Learn more about how to safely store water at www.redcross.org.

Don't forget your pets, they'll need emergency food and water supplies as well.

For more information:

Check out the recommended "Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety" at

www.earthquakecountry.info

and, "10 ways YOU can be Disaster Prepared" at

www.oes.ca.gov

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Good Going!

Kudos to our excellent field crew, who worked through the night to restore water to a Joshua Tree neighborhood following a water main break last month. The break occurred on a 12-inch mainline, causing the reservoir serving the area to lose water at an alarming rate.

Staff worked nonstop to locate the problem, stop the running water, and repair the mainline in a matter of hours to restore service to the affected homes before dawn.

Mainline breaks such as these can - and do - occur day or night. Usually, customers never know they have occurred. In this case, water flowed down the street for a time during the evening, alerting residents to the problem.

When water flows from the tap, it's easy to take it for granted. Our crew, ready and able 24/7 to get the job done, makes that possible.



Plant of the Month March 2010

EPHEDRA—Mormon Tea
Joint-fir
Green Ephedra

Consider the primitive looking Ephedra as an accent plant for your low water use landscape.

Its vivid green color can add a bright spot among the muted tones of other desert plants. It may reach three feet in height and width. Requiring full sun and well-drained soil, once established, the Ephedra can withstand extreme temperature variances. If not carried by local suppliers, this interesting plant can be purchased from several online nurseries.



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