

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

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The Board of Directors meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the JBWD Office. Some meetings are cancelled, please check with the District offices before planning to attend.



Joshua Basin Water District is an equal opportunity provider.

Do We Want to Know?

Our Joshua Basin Water District serves between eight and nine thousand people, spread over an area of nearly *one hundred square miles*. The water system includes about *270 miles* of pipelines, seventeen reservoirs storing *millions* of gallons of water, and more than thirteen *hundred* fire hydrants. Wells, booster stations, valves, and other equipment complete the basic picture of the system that serves Joshua Tree.

The District operates with a regular full-time staff of only 23 people, with about half that number working “out in the field” - monitoring, maintaining, repairing and improving the water system.

We often receive calls from customers who have noticed that things are, well, *different* on a particular day. Here are some examples of such calls received over the last year:

- “I saw some people at your wellsite when I drove by... I wasn’t sure whether to call you...”
- “After the last storm, I noticed that a water pipe is exposed out on the dirt road.”
- “You probably already know this, but just in case, I decided to stop by the office to tell you there is a lot of water at the side of the road.”

How do we handle these calls? With gratitude! Much as we’d like to, we can’t be everywhere at one time. Calls like these, from our residents, are helpful in locating pipeline leaks and other problems in the system that may take a while to find otherwise. People on our equipment sites without JBWD uniforms could mean a security risk.

So, a big “thank you” to our concerned residents, for helping us keep the water flowing to the tap. If you see something strange about the water system, and are not sure if we want to know, the answer is ***You Bet We Do, and Thank You!***

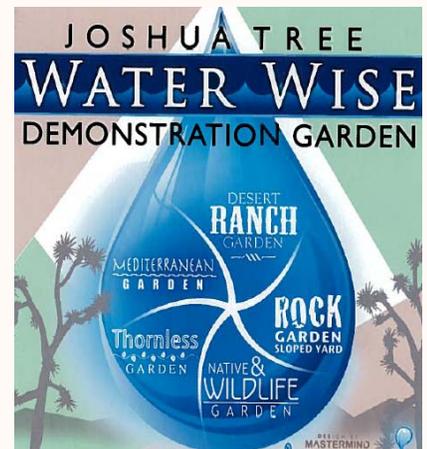
Open to the Public!

JBWD’s *Joshua Tree Water-Wise Demonstration Garden* is now open to the public. There are two ways to make the most of your Garden visit:

- Pick up a “Self-Walking Tour” brochure at the District office that will guide you through each of the five types of Water-Wise landscapes represented in the Garden, or
- Call to set up an appointment with one of our volunteer docents for a tour with additional in-depth information about the landscapes and the plants used in them.

The Garden is open during regular business hours, 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Docents are available for guided tours during business hours, evenings and on weekends with appointments made in advance. Call the District Office at 760.366.8438.



There's Still Time to *Cash in on Conservation*

with the **Conservation Incentive Program** through June 30, 2010
Rebates and Vouchers Available for



◆ **High Efficiency Toilets** (1.28 gallons or less per flush), up to \$165.00

◆ **High Efficiency Clothes Washers** (Water Factor rating of 6.0 or less), up to \$175.00



Save Water - Save on Your Water Bill

Rebate and Voucher forms, and lists of appliance models that qualify for the program can be found at www.highdesertsaveswater.org

April 2010 Plant of the Month **INDIAN BLANKET FLOWER - *Gaillardia pulchella***

The Indian Blanket Flower is a hardy plant, known for its brilliant daisy-like flowers. Blooms appear summer through fall and make wonderful cut flowers to bring inside your home. Flowers are 2–3 inches across on 18–36 inch stems.

There are more than two dozen species of *Gaillardia*. Ranging from USDA Zones 5–10, *pulchella* may be limited to Zones 8–10. Many hybrids are hardier. Depending on the climate this flower is either a perennial or an annual.



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Blanket flowers are easy to grow from seed. They are not picky about soil, but do best in sandy, well-drained soil. Highly drought tolerant, this plant loves a dry hot climate in full sun. Throughout the American West and into central states, its vibrant colored flowers can be seen carpeting fields and the sides of highways for miles throughout the summer to late fall. In the garden, the dead flowers can be removed to promote further blooming.



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For more information on low water use gardening, visit www.jbwd.com and www.hdawac.org

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