

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

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The Board of Directors meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at the District Office.

JBWD is an equal opportunity provider.

Are you ready for Winter?

Now that we've left summer behind, it's time to prepare for the cold season. Water in pipes can freeze, shut off supply to your home, break pipes and, after thawing, cause flooding!

Pipes that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs and irrigation lines, are the most likely to freeze.

To protect your home's fixtures, take the following steps:

- Disconnect and drain all outdoor hoses when not in use. Remember to drain the swamp cooler, too.
- Wrap with insulation all pipes or faucets that are outside or in unheated spaces, such as garages and crawlspaces. Some buildings even have water pipes in attics.
- Find the shutoff valve so you can turn the water off in an emergency. Look for the handle that turns from side to side in your meter box. If a break does occur, turn the water off at the meter to prevent water loss and allow the break to be repaired.
- If you plan to be away for more than a day or two during the winter, turn off your water at the meter box; then open and drain all household and irrigation lines to prevent them from freezing while you're gone.

Meet Kelly Stewart

Kelly is known to staff and customers for his ready smile and for always being willing to help. He's been a valued member of our maintenance crew for over three years.

Kelly's many accomplishments include Water Distribution IV certification and Water Treatment II certification through the California Department of Public Health(CDPH). He has also earned certification through the American Water Works Association and CDPH as a cross-connection control specialist and backflow tester. So what's next for Kelly? He is currently working to become certified as a water conservation specialist!



With his experience and knowledge, Kelly provides valuable input for improvement and cost-saving measures for many areas of the water system operation. He has improved the District's flushing program, and has even filled in for the supervisor on occasion.



When shopping for groceries, have you ever wondered about the items you buy, and

How Much Water it Takes to Make...

an orange?
14 gallons



or, a tomato?
3 gallons

how about 1
egg?



5 gallons



a watermelon?
100 gallons

loaf of bread?
150 gallons



lettuce?
6 gallons.

Just about everything we eat needs water to grow or be created. The water is supplied by nature as precipitation, or added by man during the growing and production process.

Please join us for

The ABCs of Water

Hosted by: **Joshua Basin Water District**

November 18, 2010 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Refreshments - Door Prize

In Joshua Tree, our water comes from underground aquifers. Are septic systems changing our water quality? The United States Geological Survey recently completed a multi-year study to answer this question, and others.

The Morongo Basin's *ABCs of Water* is a series of free presentations on local water issues brought to you by your Morongo Basin water providers.



Plant of the Month

California Flannelbush *Fremontodendron californicum*



With high drought and fire tolerance, this late summer bloomer shows abundant yellow flowers. Frost hardy to



20°, the multi-trunked tree makes a great accent in low water using landscapes, attracting bees, birds and butterflies.

For more information on low water use gardening, see www.jbwtd.com or www.hdawac.org

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