

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

WATERLINE REPORT

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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

www.fema.gov

www.calema.ca.gov



Recharge Pipeline Under Construction

Construction is underway on the District's long-awaited Recharge Pipeline Project. The pipeline will bring water from Northern California through Joshua Basin Water District's partner, Mojave Water Agency, to assure that the Joshua Basin will continue to have a long-term supply of high quality water.

Joshua Tree property owners assessed themselves twice in the past, which paid to bring a 70-mile water line from Hesperia to Yucca Mesa Road near the highway. The new line now under construction will bring the water from Yucca Mesa Road to a 30-acre pond site at the end of Verbena where water will percolate into the ground for use in the future. Nearly all of the current project will be funded with grant funds.

Plant of the Month

Silver Bush Morning Glory *Convolvulus cneorum*



Silver Bush Morning Glory is prized not just for its glorious flowers, but also for its soft silvery foliage that it displays all year. Masses of white funnel-shaped flowers with yellow throats open from pink buds on this compact perennial. This very distant relative of the morning glory vine looks stunning as a dramatic silver accent next to anything purple red, or dark green, or in a moonlight garden.

Thrives in dry, sandy, well-drained alkaline soil, and stays compact and fully flowered if grown in full sun. As with most silver foliage plants (having leaves covered with fine, microscopic hairs), this tough plant is drought-tolerant, and stands up to heat, cold, and wind. If you have rabbits in your yard, you'll need to protect these tasty plants with chicken wire.

Plant Form: Evergreen Shrub
Mature Size:
1-2' tall, 3' wide
Water Use: Low
Exposure: Full Sun
Bloom Time: April-September
Native to: Southern Europe
Hardiness: Cold Hardy to 10° F



Desert-Wise Landscape Tour

The Third Annual Desert-Wise Landscape Tour is occurring on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 9 am to 4 pm. This self-guided tour will provide an opportunity to visit numerous residential landscapes and unique out-door spaces throughout the Basin and see how others have personally created sanctuaries that artistically blend the beauty of desert living with low water and energy consumption.

Participants will learn about native, drought-tolerant and water efficient plants. "Through these examples you'll be inspired to fulfill your personal vision for your property and begin *living better for less*", according to Claudia Sall, event committee chair. For more information:

www.mbconservation.org

Garden is Certified Wildlife Habitat

Last month, Joshua Basin Water District's *Water-Wise Demonstration Garden* was designated by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

Among those present were representatives from Joshua Tree National Park, JBWD's Garden Docents, and our new mascot, "Tank the Tortoise".

