

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

# WATERLINE REPORT

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## Fix a Leak Week

March 18-24, 2013

Fix a Leak Week is celebrated each year in March as a time to remind Americans to check household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks.

The amount of water leaked from U.S. homes could exceed more than one trillion gallons per year. That's as much as the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined.

10% of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. Common types of leaks in the home include leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. All are easily correctable. A faucet that leaks one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.

A showerhead that leaks 10 drips per minute wastes more than 500 gallons per year. That's enough water to wash 60 loads of dishes in your dishwasher.

A leaking toilet can waste 200 gallons of water or more every day.

Keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, toilet valves, and showerheads. In most cases, fixture replacement parts don't require a major investment and can be installed by ~~dit~~-yourselfers.

## Calling All Gardeners

Do you love desert native plants? The JBWD team of docents will be learning tricks on collecting native plant seeds and propagating them for water wise gardening with the expert help of Jean Graham, of the Joshua Tree National Park's native vegetation department.

Interested in becoming a volunteer docent? Join us on March 8th, from 3pm-4pm at the District Office for this training program. For more information on the docent program, contact Kathleen Radnich at 760.218.2822.





## Plant of the Month

### Sundrops, Fendler's Sundrops

Sundrops cheer up drab spots in your garden, and quickly spread by underground rhizomes into rounded, flower-filled mounds. Masses of yellow 1/2 inch flowers appear over a long season above narrow, bright green leaves. Flowers open in the afternoon and remain open until the next morning, providing nectar to night-flying moths. Each flower lasts 24 hours, and then fades to orange - pink, creating a nice sunset color palette.

Plant Form:  
Perennial Groundcover

Mature Size:  
1' tall, 2'wide

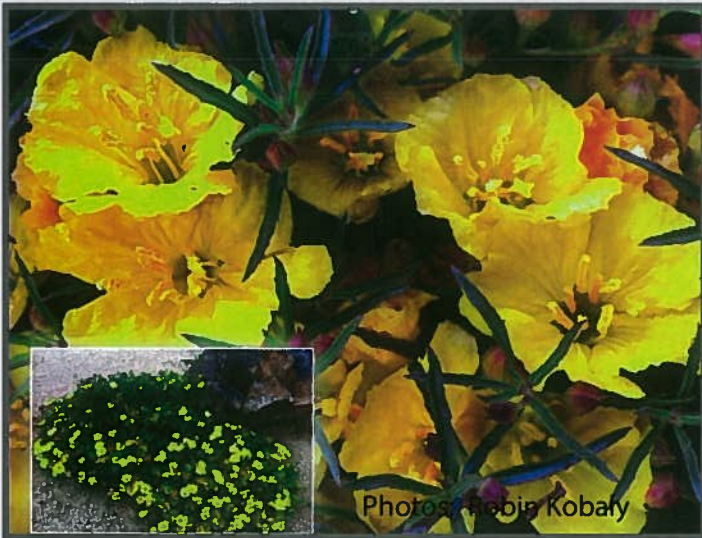
Water Use: Low

Exposure: Full Sun, Part Shade

Bloom Time: Mar - Oct

Native to:  
Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, New  
Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Hardiness : Cold Hardy to 5° F



Photos: Robin Kobaly

Cut back the stems of this evening primrose look-alike when it goes dormant in winter to reshape and prepare for new spring growth. This tough plant takes heat and drought, and is attractive between boulders, massed in clusters, or in containers. Plant in well-drained soil, and even though they don't like to be overwatered, they appreciate a little extra water in summer.

**We're Back! ...at the Joshua Tree Farmers Market on Saturdays.**  
Stop by our booth to learn about your local water District, desert gardening, water conservation, how to find and fix leaks, and more!

## Customer Service

**Contact Information:** If you have changed your telephone number since starting your water service, please call or email us with an update. You can update your contact information by calling our office at 760-366-8438, or email [customerservice@jbwd.com](mailto:customerservice@jbwd.com).

**Speedy Water Service Turn On:** We offer same-day turn on when the water service application process is completed by 12:00!

**Convenient Bill Pay Options:** Our customers can choose from several options for bill payment, including debit or credit card payments, or Autopay. Call our Customer Service Representatives for help in deciding which is most convenient for you.