

WATERLINE

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

REPORT

"Joshua Tree... It's the water!"

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Water for Emergencies!

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month. What that means for all of us is this: a reminder that your tap water could suddenly stop flowing in the event of seismic activity.

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.
- Rotate your emergency water supply for freshness.

For more information, visit us at the Joshua Tree Farmer's Market on Saturdays in April or go to:

www.earthquakecountry.info and www.fema.gov
and www.calema.ca.gov

SPECIAL REMINDERS



Board Meeting:
Wednesday
APRIL 1st
& 15th at 7PM



Legislative & Public
Information Committee
Mtg.: Wednesday,
April 1st at 9:30PM



**On Call for
Water
Emergencies
24/7!**

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WATER DISTRICT



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NEW UPDATES:

Drought Ordinance

- Do not allow potable water for landscape to runoff *anywhere*
- Wash motor vehicles using a hose shut-off nozzle
- Do not spray off walkways; brush or sweep them clean
- Repair leaks immediately
- Utilize overhead water landscape sprinklers between 8PM and 9AM
- Restaurants may only serve water by customer request
- Hotels, motels, and Inns must reduce guests' daily towel and linen service
- No outdoor irrigation during and 48 hours following measurable precipitation

Read more about the Drought Ordinance at: www.jbwd.org and click on:

DROUGHT UPDATE

The Water Wise Demonstration Garden is in full bloom! Stop by the District Office during business hours and take a self-walking tour or call for a free docent-led tour!

April 2015 Plant of the Month

Jerusalem Sage

Phlomis fruticosa

This evergreen shrub forms a large mound of wooly leaves with whorls of buyer-yellow flowers that lack the aroma and taste of true sages. Butterflies and bees are attracted to the flowers, and if allowed to go to seed, songbirds will dine on the flower seeds in fall and winter. The Flowers make nice bouquets when fresh, and then the dried seedpods can be used to make interesting dried floral arrangements, as well. This plant prefers full sun, but can tolerate some shade, and works well in borders, containers and massed in the garden or by itself. Cold hardy to 10 degrees Fahrenheit and drought hardy!



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Water-Conserve Today for Tomorrow

For more information on low water use gardening, contact your local water provider or go to www.hdawac.org

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Stay Safe - Call Before You Dig!

Now that Spring has sprung, you may be planning to spruce up your outdoor living areas by planting, or adding fences or sidewalks. To keep your family and home safe from accidents involving underground utility lines, always call before you dig! DigAlert's free utility marking service is for everyone, professionals and do-it-yourselfers alike. Just **dial 811** two working days or more before starting your project. Utility companies will mark underground lines up to the meters. Remember, every digging job requires a call!

www.digalert.org **CALL DIG ALERT! DIAL 811**

Paymentus is coming! In late Spring 2015, credit card payments made to JBWD will become more convenient, secure, with more payment options available. All at no cost to our customers! Stay tuned for the exciting details...