

WATERLINE

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

REPORT

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

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REPLENISHING OUR WATER: STATE WATER COMPARISONS

How does the State Aqueduct Water compare to our present underground water source? A current study based off of actual State tests reveals the following: it's as good as, or even better, than our great tasting Joshua Basin water!

Water from both sources tested well below the maximum contaminant levels set by the Public Health Department. As our recharge project moves forward to replenish the Joshua Basin Aquifer, our community can be reassured that our water quality will remain consistent with the high standards we have delivered to you for over 50 years! After all, here in Joshua Tree...It's the water!

JBWD Water Tests Jan. 2014 vs. Mojave Water Agency/State Water Tests Jan. 2014

HOLIDAY REMINDER

District Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day

On Call for Water Emergencies 24/7!

Abbreviations ppm=parts per million ppb=parts per billion	JBWD "Range" represents all wells tested	STATE WATER	State MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)	SOURCE OF CONTAMINANTS
ARSENIC (ppb)	2.65 (Range: 0-5.3)	5.5	10	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; glass and electronics production wastes
CHLORINE (ppm)	0.7 (Range: 0.1-1.53)	None Added-N/A	4	Disinfectant added to water distribution pipelines
FLUORIDE (ppm)	0.78 (Range: 0.63-0.93)	0.20	2	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizers and aluminum factories
NITRATE (ppm) As NO3	13.0 (Range: 11-16)	1.2	45	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
NITRITE (ppm) As N	Not Detectable	Not Detectable	1	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

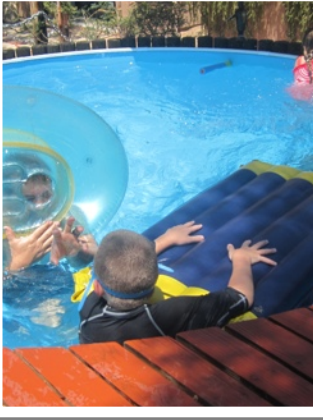
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USE OUR WATER WISELY! *Pool and Spa Tips*

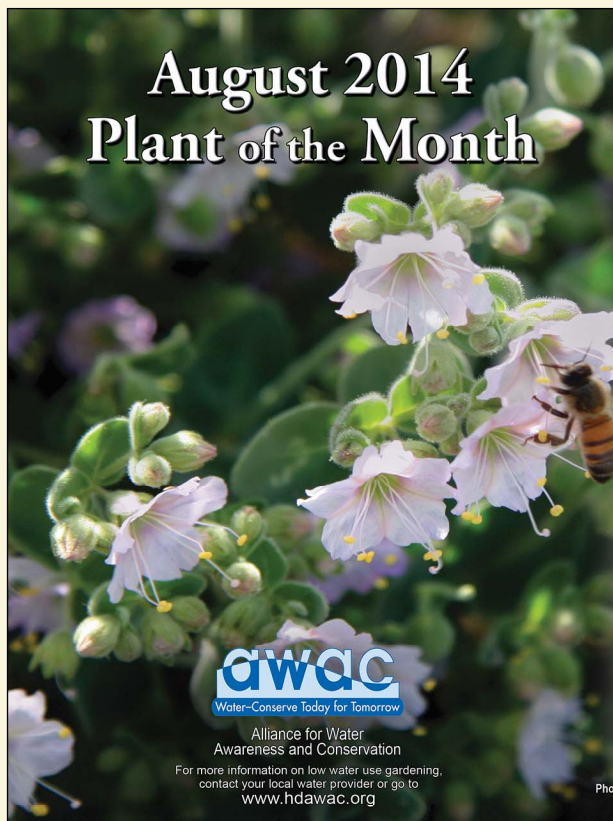


- **Sweep it, don't spray it:** When it's time to clear the deck, use a broom--never the hose!
- **Find hidden leaks:** If you have an automatic refilling device, check it periodically for leaks.
- **Mark and check it:** Use a grease pencil to mark the water level of your pool. Check it 24 hrs. later. You may have a leak if it is lower.
- **Another possible leak site:** Check for leaks around swimming pool and spa pumps
- **Keep it under cover:** Install covers on pools and spas to reduce evaporation while they're not being used.

REMEMBER:

You can pay your bill online with your VISA or MasterCard at: www.JBWD.com

August 2014 Plant of the Month



Desert Four-O-Clock / Desert Wishbone Bush - *Mirabilis laevis* (formerly *M. bigelovii*)

This fast growing, mounded, evergreen is a subshrub or herb. Dark green leaves and branches form dainty white or pale pink flowers that open in late afternoon and close early the next morning. Hummingbirds, butterflies, and other beneficial insects and pollinators sip the flower nectar, and birds feed on the seeds. Great for a dry border, dry wash, on slopes, in a decorative pot, or in rock or xeriscape gardens.

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

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Docent volunteers took a local field trip to learn how to select seeds from native plants to grow. When you consider our poor soil, the extreme heat, winter cold, brutal winds and the lack of regular rainfall, gardening in the desert can be challenging, at best! With California facing a drought that appears to have no end, establishing a successful garden or landscape that is “water smart” is the only way to save precious time, money, and **water!** To learn more:



- Visit our website at www.jbwd.org
- Follow us on Facebook for gardening tips
- Visit our Saturday Farmers' Market Booth
- Tour our Water Wise Demonstration Garden
- Join our Volunteer Docent Team for free training!