

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

# WATERLINE REPORT

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**The JBWD office  
will be closed  
on the following  
dates:**

**Monday Dec. 24**

**Tuesday Dec. 25**

**Monday Dec. 31**

**Tuesday Jan. 1**

JBWD staff is  
on call for  
water emergencies.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012

### Groundwater Recharge Project:

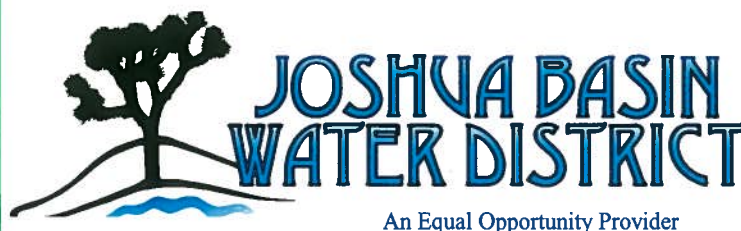
This year the District was awarded more than six million dollars in grant funding for a pipeline and settling ponds that will bring water to our aquifer. Over the past many years, more water has been used here than can be replaced by natural means like rainfall.

The Recharge project is important to our community because it will allow the District to import water to help ensure a reliable water supply into the future. The pipeline is under construction now.

Wastewater Treatment: Construction has begun on the first public wastewater treatment plant in the Morongo Basin. This project (at Hi-Desert Medical Center) supports JBWD's long-term vision of protecting water quality.

Keeping our Customers Informed: The District continues to reach out to customers with landscape conservation workshops, elementary school education, the local water agency bus tour, *ABCs of Water* presentations and other programs. We are committed to helping our customers use water wisely.

Working Smarter: New technology systems have been implemented that will allow our staff to streamline field operations and system maintenance and to provide better customer service.





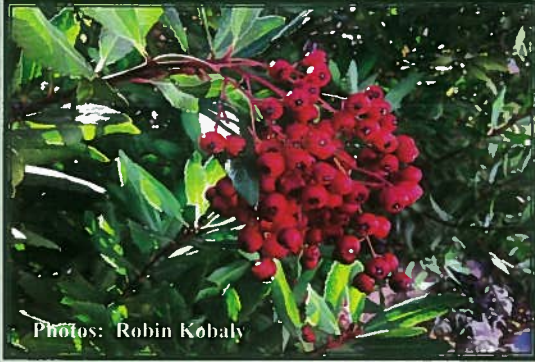
# Plant of the Month

Toyon, also called Christmas Berry and California Holly, is an evergreen shrub or small tree from California's chaparral communities.

This very adaptable, dense shrub is valued for its holly-like foliage, clusters of white flowers in summer, and showy bright red berries all winter that are popular for Christmas decorations, and relished by birds.

Fire resistant if watered every 2 weeks during spring and summer.

Toyon can be pruned into a handsome tree, or left in its natural form for a dense evergreen border or privacy screen as a native substitute for oleander.



Photos: Robin Kobaly

## Toyon, Christmas Berry

*Heteromeles arbutifolia*

**Plant Form:** Evergreen shrub/tree

**Mature Size:**  
8-10' (to 25') tall, and 8-10' wide

**Water Use:** Low

**Exposure:** Full sun, Part sun

**Bloom Time:** June - August

**Native to:**  
Southern California

**Hardiness:** Cold Hardy to 0° F



## Protect Your Pipes

Winter is here! Water that freezes in pipes can break them and cause tremendous leaks. It's important to protect your pipes during freezing weather; *see the tips below*.

Wrapping and securely taping exposed pipes can help prevent them from freezing and rupturing. Insulate and tape water heater pipes, and pipes leading to (and inside of) outbuildings like sheds or workshops.

Locate the water 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, you can turn the water off at the meter so that it can be repaired.

If you plan to be away for more than a day during the winter, you may want to turn the water off, or ask a trusted friend or family member to check the house and yard each day for signs of breaks, freezing, or leaks.

Joshua Basin Water District offers several bill payment options; choose the one that's best for you.

- Mail your payment
- Pay online or over the phone with a credit card
- Sign up for Autopay
- Pay the Customer Service Representative at the District office
- Use the lobby payment drop box