

JOSHUA BASIN WATER DISTRICT

WATERLINE REPORT

Only Tap Water Delivers®

*National Drinking Water Week is May 6 - 12
May is California Water Awareness Month*

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Tap water is such an integral part of our daily lives that we sometimes don't notice its immeasurable value. And yet tap water delivers so many things that no other water can.

It Delivers Public Health Protection

In a world where millions of people die every year from preventable waterborne diseases, people in North America can drink from virtually any public tap with a high assurance of safety. Without our modern water systems, diseases such as cholera and dysentery would be a tragic part of our everyday life.

It Delivers Fire Protection

In the United States and Canada, over 1.5 million house fires occur each year. While most of us never think about fires until they occur, there is a vast network of water infrastructure in place to protect us when they do. Simply put, a water system that provides reliable water at a high pressure and volume can be the difference between a manageable fire and an inferno.

It Delivers Support for the Economy

Tap water is critical to businesses' day-to-day operations and is often a primary ingredient in the products they create.

It Delivers Quality of Life

In North America, we take for granted that safe water is always accessible to drink, to wash our clothes and for many other purposes. When water service is interrupted, we're all reminded of the extraordinary value our water service provides.

Only Tap Water Delivers ...health protection; fire protection; support for the economy; the overall quality of life we enjoy.

**District offices
will be closed
Monday
May 28 in
observance of
Memorial Day**

Stay Safe.

Call Before You Dig!!



Building a deck?
Planting a tree?
Installing a mailbox?

Smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Whether you are a homeowner or a professional excavator, one call gets your underground utility lines marked for FREE.

Every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees or shrubs.

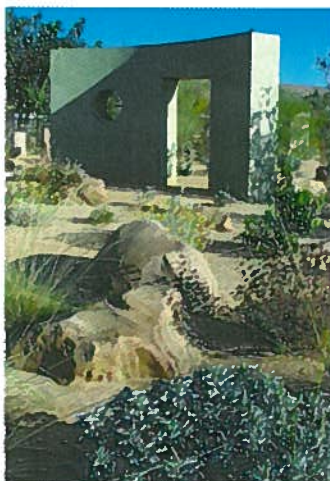
To keep your family and home safe from accidents involving underground utility lines, always **call before you dig.**

Stop by the office or the Saturday Farmers Market for more information! www.digalert.org

100 Ways to... Use Our Water Wisely! 76 through 80 In the Garden

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to gardening! Use the tips below to reduce water use.

76. Consider Hardscape: Walkways, patios and graveled areas cut down watering needs, are low maintenance, and can add value to your property
77. Spring Rains: Turn off your automatic watering system when it rains - let nature take care of the watering
78. Rain Barrel: Make even more use of the rain; collect the water that runs off your roof to use later in your garden



79. Watch the Wind: When watering with a hose, skip the windy days when much of the water can blow away and evaporate

80. Get Inspired: visit our Water Wise Demonstration Garden for inspiration. Our Water Wise landscape plans are FREE - be sure to ask for our garden brochure.

Plant of the Month: Purple Rockrose - *Sistus purpureus*

Rockroses are sun-loving, fast-growing evergreen shrubs with furry gray-green leaves and showy pink, purple, lavender, or white flowers. Purple rockrose is a compact shrub that thrives in poor, well-draining, dry soils, and full sun. Although each papery flower lasts only one day, these bushes produce a seemingly endless succession of flowers from spring through early summer.



Plant Form: Evergreen Shrub
Water Use: Low
Mature Size: 3' tall & 6' wide
Exposure: Full Sun
Bloom Time: April - June
Native to: Mediterranean
Hardiness: Cold Hardy to 15° F