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**JBWD is under a 20% voluntary water conservation mandate. Reduce your water use and "Shed a Tier for JBWD!"**

THE  
**TIER DROP**  
**NEWSLETTER**

OCTOBER 2017

**AUGUST 2017 WATER SAVINGS: 20.72%**

Cumulative Conservation as of June 2017: 17.31%

**Visit Our Water Wise Demonstration Garden**

**Myth:**

My pipes have been just fine for years—there's no need to winterize!

**Truth:**

With age, pipes weaken and degrade.

**Consequences:**

A frozen pipe can cost hundreds of \$ in damage and repairs to your plumbing and your property!

**Winterize Your Pipes Now...**

**Before the First Freeze!**



**OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE:**

a high standard of water quality and customer service at responsible cost; to protect the water resources of Joshua Basin Water District; to promote cooperation and respect with customers, employees, neighboring communities and public – private agencies.

**FREE: Tuesday, October 10th, 2017**

**5:30PM-7:30PM**

**Yucca Valley Community Center—Cholla Room  
 57090 29 Palms Hwy., Yucca Valley, CA**

**A "hands-on class" teaching you how to:**

- \* Take steps to conserve energy by winterizing your home
- \* How to properly insulate water pipes so they don't freeze and burst during the cold winter days
- \* What to *use* to save money, time, water and damage to your property

**Open to all Morongo Basin Residents. Space is limited! Reserve your seat today! PH: 760.821.5716 or by Email: [kjradnich@jbwd.com](mailto:kjradnich@jbwd.com)**

*Sponsored by: Joshua Basin Water District, the Town of Yucca Valley, Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation, the Mojave Water Agency, and Green Media Creations.*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

For just pennies, you can avoid a home disaster caused by frozen pipes! You can also learn more about winterizing by visiting our website at:

[www.jbwd.org./Customer Service/ "FAQ: Winterizing Your Home"](http://www.jbwd.org./CustomerService/FAQ:WinterizingYourHome)

**REMEMBER:** ALL water that passes through the meter is the homeowner's responsibility, even water lost due to frozen and broken pipes.



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"Our Water, Our Community, Our Responsibility"

**A Community Owned Water District**



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# WATER AWARENESS FALLS ON YOU!

October 12th is National "Imagine a Day Without Water" Day.

**If you think about it, water unites all of us.** Of course people say it should be a priority. Can you even begin to imagine a day without tap water? It isn't just your personal use of water – brushing your teeth, flushing your toilet, taking a shower – though those rituals are vital. Water is also essential to a functioning economy. Water builds a community and keeps it vital.

What is a college campus or a hotel supposed to do if there is no water? They close. How can a restaurant or coffee shop serve customers without water to cook, make coffee and beverages, or wash the dishes? They can't. And what about hospitals – or manufacturers – that rely on water? They would grind to a halt too.



But investing in water infrastructure, unfortunately, has not been a priority for decades. It is on localities to raise taxes, or for utilities to charge water rates that can pay for the massive infrastructure system of pumps, plants, and pipes. And the truth is, communities across the country, including ours, have let those systems deteriorate for far too long. There is no doubt about it – a day without water is a crisis.

**Imagine a Day Without Water**

October 12, 2017

**Could you even begin to imagine a day without tap water?**

## LEARN MORE:

- Attend Water School 101 to learn how to protect your water and save money, too! Earn a \$50 conservation bucket filled with helpful water saving items! Go to: [www.jbwtd.org](http://www.jbwtd.org)
- Reserve your seat now for a fall District Tour on Oct. 12th or 24th. Call: 760.821.5716 or contact us by Email at: [kjradnich@jbwtd.com](mailto:kjradnich@jbwtd.com)

## CHROMIUM 6 UPDATE:

As the State continues to work towards a new Chromium 6 standard—which could take 18-24 months—JBWD, along with our grant support agencies, continues its quest to find a more cost effective solution to reduce the amount of naturally occurring Chromium 6 in our ground water. We will continue to share our findings and progress as it develops.

## THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS WILL DETERMINE OUR NEW WATER RATES...

JBWD Board Members, Staff, Citizen Advisory Committee Members, and interested public were presented with the following costly future unfunded District financial challenges:

- Long term water supply: our aquifer needs to be replenished now that we are using more than what is being replaced. Replacement water costs are significant, and projected to increase significantly in the very near future.
- Our aged infrastructure is in desperate need of replacement or needs to be refurbished at a cost of 2.5 million dollars annually! Our *current* rates cannot support upgrading our water system.
- Ongoing cost inflation never rests—JBWD is impacted with increases for everything from insurance to electricity, to staffing.
- Chromium 6—pending new State mandates, is an unknown factor, potentially resulting in a huge expense to our community.

Join the dialogue, attend meetings (or view them on our web site) and learn about the options being considered. *Stay informed!*



*Independent Rate Study Consultant, Alex Handler, of Bartle Wells Associates, gives an overview of the District's financial challenges at the September 12th joint Board and Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting.*

Join us October 14th, 10AM-2PM (Tractor Supply parking lot) for the "Great Shake Out"—complete with a seismic simulator— where you'll learn **what to do "when the tap water STOPS!"**

