



# FOOTHILL MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

The People Behind Your Water—Supplying the Water Provider That Serves You

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## Making Sure Water Is Available When You Need It

The communities of La Crescenta, La Cañada Flintridge and Altadena depend on imported water supplies from Foothill Municipal Water District to supplement local groundwater.

### PLAN TO MEET WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES

The current statewide drought and the recent local fires highlight the need for greater water independence and a reliable water system to deliver that water.

Foothill Municipal Water District and its member water providers have developed a practical and cost effective plan to respond to the statewide drought and the need to rehabilitate our aging imported water system.

### Develop New and Reliable Local Water Supplies

The Foothill area is heavily dependent on imported water supplies that are becoming increasingly limited and costly. New local supplies must be developed for long-term water reliability and independence.

- **RECYCLED WATER:** A phased program is proposed that will provide recycled water for large landscape irrigation and for recharging groundwater basins.
- **STORMWATER CAPTURE:** Capture local stormwater in the canyons and store it underground for future use.
- **CONSERVATION:** Expand and improve local water conservation programs and rebates.

### Important Water Challenges

The program also will rehabilitate aging portions of the regional water supply system to ensure it can reliably deliver adequate water supplies during normal times and during emergencies such as fires, earthquakes or electrical power outages.



*The Station Fire reminds us that we simply must rehabilitate our regional water system to ensure it can provide adequate water supplies during fires, electrical system breakdowns and other emergencies.*

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# Here Are Some Simple Ways You Can Make Your

Most water is used outdoors, so it is the best place to save. Follow

## DON'T OVERWATER.

Most landscapes are overwatered, actually harming the plants. Check soil moisture by digging down a few inches with a trowel. If the soil is wet, there is no need to water.

Also, talk to your water provider about water use restrictions in your area.



## Irrigate Efficiently

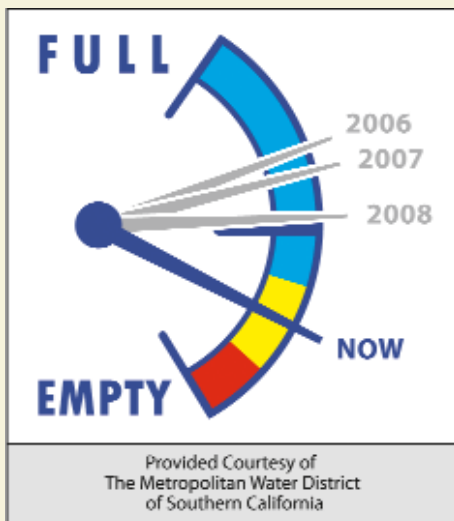
Use drip irrigation or low-flow spray heads to deliver water without the overspray or runoff typical of conventional sprinklers.



## Group Plants

Place plants with similar water, soil, and light needs together. Place the most colorful (often the thirstiest) groupings near outdoor living areas.

THANK YOU FOR CONSERVING  
The Continued Drought  
Means We Each Have  
to Conserve Even More



Foothill Municipal Water District thanks our customers for an 7 percent cutback in water use during the past year leading up to June 30.

Because of continuing drought we need customers to conserve more to avoid severe water cost penalties by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

# Garden a Little Greener While Using Less Water

these guidelines to create the most water-efficient garden possible.



## Native and Low Water Use Plants

Consider native plants or plants that thrive and remain beautiful with less water.



## Mulch

Cover bare ground with a 2- or 3-inch layer of mulch to help conserve soil moisture, suppress weeds, and keep the soil cooler. Mulch should be renewed annually.

## Use Proper Lawn Care

- Step on your grass; if it springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Mow lawns at least 4" to 5" high, aerate, and leave clippings on for the healthiest, water-thrifty lawn.
- Limit turf area.

## Water at Night or Early When It Is Cool

This decreases evaporation and ensures your plants get more of the water they need.

## Take Advantage of Rebates We Will Pay You to Save Water

Foothill Municipal Water District has teamed up with Metropolitan Water District to provide water conservation rebates for customers who replace grass with synthetic turf and install weather-based irrigation controllers. There are also rebates for high efficiency clothes washers and toilets and more. Rebates are limited and may run out quickly.



# FREE GARDENING CLASS - For the Water-Wise Gardener



Foothill Municipal Water District is hosting a FREE Gardening class for those interested in designing and maintaining beautiful, water-wise gardens.

Offering a wide variety of specific techniques, the classes focus on the effective use of water-smart native plants, efficient and water-saving irrigation methods, the proper care of vegetation and how to create attractive drought-tolerant landscapes.

## ALTADENA LIBRARY

October 17th • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
600 E. Mariposa Street

**REGISTER TODAY!** Space is limited and the class is popular. For additional information and to register: email us at [koblak@fmwd.com](mailto:koblak@fmwd.com) or call (818) 790-4036.

## Options and Upcoming Decision on Funding Water Supply and Reliability Program

Funding is needed in order to implement critical regional water system repairs and to initiate the proposed recycled water project. Our funding plan includes obtaining approximately \$20 million in bond financing, with a repayment period over 30 years, so both current and future customers will share the costs fairly. Additional funding will be needed from grants and water charges.

In order to pay back the bond, the District is currently considering using a property assessment. The Board is expected to make a final decision about whether to seek an assessment this October. A property assessment would require sending out ballots to property owners for a vote.



## COMMUNITY FORUMS

Learn more about the local, reliable water supply program and funding options. Have your questions answered.

**October 8:** Altadena Community Center  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 730 E. Altadena Drive  
Altadena, CA 91001

**October 13:** Verdugo Hills Hospital  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 1812 Verdugo Boulevard  
Glendale, CA 91208

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