



# The Water Faucet

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Check out our website. You can obtain water conservation information and rebate forms! [www.westboroughwater.com](http://www.westboroughwater.com)

Free dye strips to test for toilet leaks are available at the District Office.



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## Water Conservation

As you know, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has issued a drought emergency proclamation calling for a 20% reduction in urban water usage. The Westborough Water District is asking everyone for a voluntary reduction in their water consumption for the rest of the year. With two dry winters, everyone must do their part to conserve water now! The District's only source of water comes from the San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC). The District relies on the SFPUC to deliver safe and reliable water at a reasonable price. Although the recent rain will help, if we don't get enough water this winter there will be mandatory water rationing. In addition, the SFPUC is expected to raise water rates as much as 15 percent beginning July 1, 2009. The District, along with 26 other water districts, purchases two thirds of the total water distributed by the SFPUC water system. The rate increase is intended to cover our proportional share of billions of dollars in water system improvements and seismic upgrades.

## Washing Machine And Toilet Rebate

The District continues to offer washing machine and toilet rebates for water savings and energy efficient appliances. For each low flow toilet you install, there is a \$50 rebate. A \$75 rebate is available for select Energy Star washing machine purchases.



For more information, please pick up an application at the district office or download it from our website at: [www.westboroughwater.com](http://www.westboroughwater.com)



## Water Audit

The Westborough Water District offers free water audits. The average household usage is 4-6 units per person, per billing period. If your bill is higher than the average for the number of people living in your home, you may want to consider having a free water audit. If a leak is detected, the District will estimate the cost of the leak over a 60-day billing period. The District has free dye strips that can be used to test your toilet for leaks. You can find out information on how to test your plumbing for leaks on our District's website.

## Sewer Service Charge On Property Tax Bill

As you are aware, beginning July 1, 2008, your sewer service charge was placed on your property tax bill. Your Jan/Feb 2008 water consumption was used to calculate your 2008/2009 sewer service charge. The amount of water you consumed Jan/Feb 2009 will be used to determine your annual sewer charge on your property tax bill effective July 1, 2009. If you experienced high usage during this period due to an emergency or uncontrollable event, **please submit a written request to the District for possible adjustment no later than May 1, 2009.**

## Share Your Conservation Ideas

Send us your ideas on how you are conserving water. We will review your ideas and will consider posting them on the District's website. Please email your ideas to: [wwd@westboroughwater.com](mailto:wwd@westboroughwater.com).

## YOUR DISTRICT:

The Westborough Water District board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the District office. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the public is encouraged to attend.

The current Board members are:

President Robert Craig,  
Vice President Tom Chambers, Directors Perry Bautista, William Lopez, and Janet Medina.

## Did You Know Westborough Water District Has the Lowest Water Rates?

Everyone wonders how your water rates compare to other water districts. The Westborough Water District has the lowest water rates of the 10 agencies in the surrounding area based on 20 and 25 units of usage.

District	20 Units	Ranking	25 Units	Ranking
Westborough Water District	\$67.10	1st	\$80.70	1st
Daly City Water	\$70.81	2nd	\$90.01	4th
*California Water Service	\$75.41	3rd	\$89.47	3rd
City of Redwood City - Water	\$76.70	4th	\$89.20	2nd
*Mid Peninsula Water District	\$90.98	5th	\$113.48	5th
*Coastside County Water District	\$97.71	6th	\$117.41	6th
City of Millbrae	\$102.60	7th	\$122.35	8th
City of Burlingame - Water	\$103.86	8th	\$121.40	7th
City of Brisbane - Water	\$130.52	9th	\$169.47	9th
* North Coast County Water	\$136.26	10th	\$170.11	10th

\*California Water Service - provides water to South San Francisco, Mid Peninsula Water District - provides water to Belmont, Coastside County Water District - provides water to Half Moon Bay, North Coast County Water - provides water to Pacifica. ☺

## Water Efficient Landscape

You can sign up for free water efficient landscape class by calling (650) 259-2348 or visit [http://bawsca.org/docs/09\\_Flyer\\_landscapeclasses09\\_FINAL.pdf](http://bawsca.org/docs/09_Flyer_landscapeclasses09_FINAL.pdf) (type exactly as shown) for more information. Learn how to beautify your garden and use water more efficiently in the Bay Area water wise landscape class. ☺

Stop By The WWD Office And Pick Up  
Your Free Water Saving Products!  
(One per customer only)

Package Includes:

- Low-Flow Showerhead
- Garden Spray Nozzle
- Kitchen and Bathroom Faucet Aerators
- Toilet Dye Tablets



**Supplies Are Limited! Stop By Soon!**

