



The Water Faucet

December 2011

How to Lower Your Sewer Service Charge

Are you aware that your sewer service charge for the entire fiscal year is based on how much water you use during the January and February meter reading period? Water usage during these months best reflects the amount of water that is being discharged into the sewer system, since there is so little outdoor watering at this time of year. Lowering your sewer service charge is easy to do, but you must act now! Yes...you have control of how much your sewer charges will be for the next fiscal year. Repair all leaks before the January and February meter reading period. **Conserve water by taking shorter showers, wash full loads of dishes and clothes, install water efficient fixtures, eliminate outdoor watering if possible, and be conscious of wastefulness.**

Toilets are the most common leak that increases your bill. Some toilet leaks can be silent. Stop by the District office and pickup free toilet-test dye strips and information on how to test your plumbing for leaks. The District also conducts a free leak test in which District staff reads your meter at the start of the test and again 3-4 hours later; then calculates any usage on your meter to estimate the leakage over a 60-day billing period.



Reminder, the District offers \$50 toilet rebate and \$75 washing machine rebate for qualifying fixtures. Beginning in January 2012, the District has partnered with PG&E's ENERGY STAR® Efficient Washing Machine Rebate Program. ⌘

Water System Improvements

Cathodic Protection

Work has begun to install cathodic protection for the District's three Skyline Water Storage Tanks. Steel storage tanks, if unprotected against corrosion from distribution water and salt air, will corrode and eventually leak. Cathodic protection systems are a simple way to protect the interior of the tank from corrosion and extend the useful life of the paint.



Seismic Study

The District has engaged an engineer to conduct a system wide seismic vulnerability assessment of the water and sewer system. The report will yield information how the District's facilities will perform after a major seismic event, provide suggestion for strengthening District facilities, assist with critical planning for future seismic events, and help update emergency preparedness plan. ⌘

Check out our website. You can obtain water conservation information and rebate forms!
www.westboroughwater.com

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



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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:
William Lopez

Vice President:
Janet Medina

Directors:
Tom Chambers and
Perry Bautista.

E-bill Payment System Coming!



In the coming months you will be able to look up and pay your bill online through the District's website. The e-bill system will also increase the District's efficiency and accuracy. ⌚

Retirement Announcement

After 29 years of public service to the Westborough Water District, Director Robert Craig has decided to step down from the Board of Directors. April 8, 1982, Robert Craig was appointed to the Westborough Water District Board. Director Craig served as President of the Board during 1983, 1987, 1993, 1998, 2004, and 2009. He served as the District's representative on the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Board and the San Mateo County Special Districts. He was instrumental in the District joining the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and improving working conditions for District employees. Director Craig upheld the principles that customers are the number one priority and thru practicing responsible fiscal planning, the District can maintain sound financial reserves. Director Craig has always had an unwavering commitment as a public servant to the Westborough Water District and to the Community.

Director Craig will be greatly missed! ⌚

