



# 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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## GO GREEN – Pay your bill Online

The Westborough Water District is now offering our NEW ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM where you can access your utility account for payments, history, and sign up for AUTOPAY (reoccurring payments via MasterCard, Visa or Check).

Now you can securely view or pay your bi-monthly water bill and payments are recorded in real time. Bill payment service is free at this time.



To sign up for this service, please visit our website at: [www.westboroughwater.com](http://www.westboroughwater.com)

**Note:** If you are already using our in-house AUTOPAY, there is no need to make any changes to your pay method. ⌚

## Capital Improvement Projects – FY 2012/2013

The District has approved the following projects to improve the reliability of the system:

### New Sampling Station for Skyline Tank 3

The sampling station will help the District better determine the water quality in the tank at various elevations.



### Installation of New Seismic Valve at Skyline Tank Site

The new seismic valve would automatically close and isolate two of the three tanks in the event of a major earthquake.

### New Tank Mixer



During the summer months the water conditions change due to the heat. Typically the cooler water remains at the bottom of the tank contributing to a condition called stratification. By installing the mixer will help reduce the temperature and the nitrate amounts.

### Avalon Sewer Lift Station

The District will be replacing the motor control center (MCC) due to its age and poor condition. The replacement of the MCC will reduce electricity costs and improve reliability.

### Rowntree Sewer Lift Station

The three existing pumps and motors need replacing due to their age and that many of the parts have been discontinued. The District will replace one pump each year and keep the old pump and motor for spare parts until all three pumps have been replaced. ⌚

## 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, David Irwin, and Perry Bautista.

## Where Does Our Water Come From?



As you may know, Westborough Water District purchases 100% of its water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Approximately 80% of San Francisco's water comes from the Tuolumne River and the reservoir created by the O'Shaughnessy Dam in Yosemite National Park. The construction of this dam was permitted by the Raker Act of 1913 and it was completed in 1923. Hetch Hetchy was chosen in part because the water required no pumping to reach San Francisco. Did you realize that approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the electricity used in California is used to pump water? Hetch Hetchy's water supply is of such high quality that it does not require the filtration needed for most water sources (such as water taken from the San Andreas or Sunol Reservoirs). Westborough is not unique in using SFPUC water. In fact, about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of "San Francisco's" water is used by customers in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo counties. We are all sharing in the cost of maintaining the system, including the multi-billion Water System Improvement Project that was directed by the state legislature to improve system reliability. Our water dollars also help pay for watershed protection, including funds for Park Rangers in Hetch Hetchy Valley and a sewage treatment plant in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows (built when the quality of our water supply was threatened). ⌚