

The Water Faucet

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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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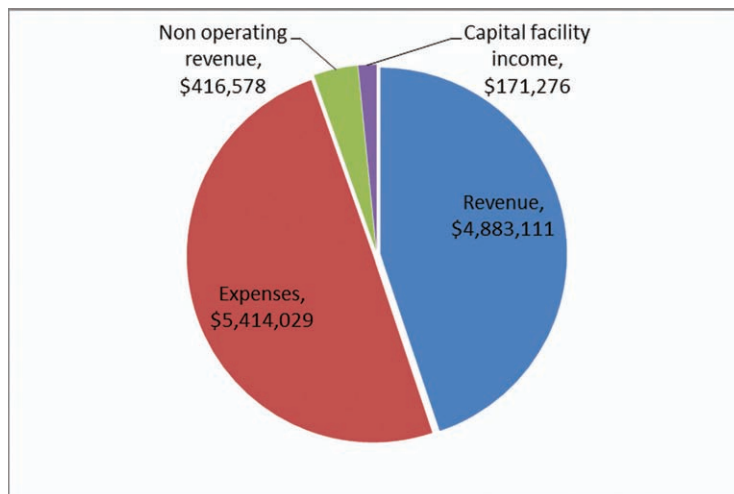
Lead Testing in Schools

In 2015 Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. directed the State Water Board to incorporate schools into the regular water quality testing that community water systems conduct at customer's taps. Under the new requirement testing is voluntary for schools, but if the schools make a written request, the community water systems must collect the samples within three months and report the results back to the school within two business days. The State Water Resources Control Board requires water districts offer free lead testing to all K-12 schools in California. In 2016 the District's water system was tested for lead and found to be safe. The District regularly tests the water system for lead, since lead can enter the water supply if the building's pipes are corroded or the fixtures are old. California has newer infrastructure and less corrosive water than other parts of the country, so lead problems at the tap are uncommon. ⌚



Water and Sewer Service Charges

The District bills customers bi-monthly for water consumption based on the actual amount of water consumed each billing period. The water rate is calculated based on the rate the District is charged for water by the San Francisco Public Utility Commission. The sewer fee is calculated based on the rate charged by the Sanitation District for collection, treatment and maintenance, sewer operating expenses including capital improvements, utilities, administrative and general expenses in order to balance the budget. ⌚



Expenses:

Water purchase, sewer collection, treatment, safe disposal of sewage, maintenance of water and sewer system, electrical cost to pump water and sewage, administrative, and insurance.

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:
Janet Medina

Directors:
Tom Chambers,
Perry Bautista, and
David Irwin



If interested in becoming a Board member, please visit our website at:

[www.westboroughwater.com/
board_of_directors.htm](http://www.westboroughwater.com/board_of_directors.htm)

Revenues:

Revenue is received from water sales and investments, in addition to connection fees from new development. As you may be aware, there is very little vacant land available in Westborough for new construction, so future connection fees are limited.

Please see the District's website for five year rate comparison at <http://westboroughwater.com/services.htm>

Sewer service charges pay for the cost of sewer collection, treatment, safe disposal of the sewage, and electrical cost to pump the sewage to the treatment plant. The sewer service charge is calculated based on the amount of water consumed during January/February *times* per unit rate *times* 6 billing periods. The majority of the money the District receives from the sewer service charge is paid directly to the Sanitation District.

Additional information concerning water and sewer service charges is available on the District's website. ⌚

Sewer Service Charge on Property Tax Bill

This year's sewer charges will appear on your property tax bill effective July 1, 2017. The amount of water you consumed during January and February 2017 will be used to determine your annual sewer charges. **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 15, 2017.** ⌚



Governor Brown Lifts Drought Emergency, Retains Prohibition on Wasteful Practices

Gov. Jerry Brown has declared California's drought emergency officially over in most parts of the state, while several state agencies jointly released a framework for long-term water conservation that seeks to make water savings a way of life.

Record rains this water year and increased levels of water conservation were cited by the Governor in his decision to lift the drought emergency. Water reporting requirements by local agencies and the prohibition of wasteful water practices such as watering lawns during or after a rainfall will remain in place.

"This drought emergency is over, but the next drought could be around the corner," said Governor Brown. "Conservation must remain a way of life."



Make a one-time payment or sign up for recurring payments using your Visa, MasterCard, or personal check on our secured website **(FREE OF CHARGE):**

www.westboroughwater.com

You must have your account no. to access it, so if you do not have it, please call the WWD Office to request it.



Executive Order Item #2

Making Water Conservation a Way of Life in California

Governor Brown passed an Executive Order to Make Water Conservation a Way of Life in California. Water agencies must establish longer term water conservation measures including permanent monthly water use reporting, new permanent water use standards, and ban wasteful practices such as hosing off sidewalks, driveways and other hard surfaces. Agencies must develop new water use efficiency targets as part of a long-term conservation framework. The full executive order may be found at:

https://www.gov.ca.gov/docs/5.9.16_Executive_Order.pdf

The State Water Board seems to be shifting its focus from water rationing protocols to ongoing water use efficiency. ⌚

New Office Security Enclosure

If you recently stopped by our office you may have noticed our new office counter security enclosure. This remodeling was necessary to add security and take preventive measures to ensure the safety of our staff and facilities. We thank each one of you for your patience and understanding!



Water Savings Products Still Available!

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED! STOP BY SOON!

Items we have in stock include (colors may be different than those shown here):

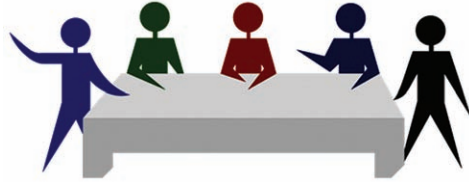
- Low-Flow Kitchen and Bathroom Faucet Aerators • Shower Timers
- Low-Flow Showerheads • Toilet Dye Strips • Garden Spray Nozzles
- Cold Water Catcher Bucket • Conservation literature ⌚



Update on Declaration of A Water Shortage Emergency

Recently the Westborough Water District rescinded the declaration of a water shortage emergency and terminated the implementation of stage 2 of the water shortage contingency plan. The District has determined that the water shortfall condition no longer exists. The San Francisco Public Utility Commission has indicated they have enough water to supply customers for the next three years. We are still requesting customers continue to save water. Water conservation is a way of life and here to stay! ⌚






Role of the Board Members

The role of the Board members is to serve the community. They have a legal responsibility to participate actively in making decisions on behalf of the organization and exercise their best judgment. This means being prepared and committed to attend board meetings, serve on committees, review agenda packets and supporting documents, review/approve budgets, audit reports, capital improvement projects, and negotiate agreements. Each board member must put the interests of the organization before their personal and professional interests when acting on behalf of the organization in a decision-making capacity. Board members serve a four-year term and must be a resident of the District and a registered voter. Board members are compensated \$100 per approved meeting attended.

The public is encouraged to attend board meetings. Westborough Water District board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the District office located at 2263 Westborough Boulevard, South San Francisco. ⌚





NOTARY PUBLIC

The District has a Notary Public on duty that can notarize documents you may have for a fee of \$15 per signature. Feel free to take advantage of this service. **Calling in advance is strongly recommended.**



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