

How to save water, money, and the Earth

For area residents looking for ways to reduce their cost of living and increase their quality of life during these challenging times, sustainable home improvement projects can save water and money.

One useful resource for budget-friendly and eco-friendlier ways to improve water use efficiency at home is your local water district and/or utility.

Harold C. Williams, MSCE, P.E., President of the West Basin Municipal Water District, which provides drinking water to cities and county areas in the coastal Los Angeles area, notes how water saving programs available to residents provide an opportunity to become environmental stewards. “By saving water, not only are you saving money, but you are protecting your community and the Earth,” he said. “Using less water takes practice, until conservation becomes a habit. Sometimes you just need a little help to keep going, which is where we come in.”

Here are a few tips to help you kick off and keep up efforts to take better care of our earth’s water resources.

First, become more familiar with your water providers. You probably know who sends you your water bill, but do you know where they get their water? There are municipal and regional water entities, like West Basin, that offer their own rebate programs and

partner with other utilities to provide conservation resources for the community.

Second, remember businesses are community members too. Even though outdoor residential water use is a major area of focus, there are also programs to help reduce water usage in the commercial and industrial sector.

Third, take action today! For example: visit the West Basin website; view a list of water-saving devices qualified for rebates; check if you are eligible for free devices or rebates by taking a survey; sign up for a class; or email a representative to ask a question. Getting started with one of these actions could lead to hundreds of dollars of savings on a high-efficiency washing machine, a free rain barrel valued at approximately \$100, incentives to replace grass and invaluable educational opportunities.

The West Basin Municipal Water District

West Basin is governed by an elected Board of Directors, who oversee the District and the programs that provide safe, reliable water.



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Which West Basin programs can save you money?



Residential



Free Rain Barrels

Reduce your water bill by reusing captured rain water to irrigate your landscape and/or garden with a free rain barrel delivered directly to your home.

westbasin.org/rain-barrels



Money and Water-Saving Rebates

Residents may qualify to receive a rebate to replace your grass lawns with beautiful native landscapes. Also available, a \$500 rebate for a high-efficiency clothes washer.

westbasin.org/conservation



Free Workshops

Virtual workshops about grass removal, garden design, firescaping, recycled water tours and more are available at no cost.

westbasin.org/water-lab



Commercial / Business



Free Kitchen Appliances and Rebates

Restaurants, hotels, schools and other commercial kitchens can save money by saving water with appliance rebates of up to \$6,000.

westbasin.org/c4k



Water Bottle Filling Station Grants

Grants of up to \$2,000 are available for cities, schools and other public entities for the installation of filling stations that provide public access to drinking water.

westbasin.org/fillingstations



Partner Rebates

Check with West Basin partners Metropolitan, California Water Service, Golden State Water Company and your city for additional rebates and resources.

socalwatersmart.com

Learn more about West Basin’s conservation programs by visiting:

www.westbasin.org

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