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Carpinteria Valley Water District

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Laundry to Landscape Graywater Systems

In response to the state-wide drought, California recently adopted new code language for residential graywater reuse that took effect August 4th. Local building permits are no longer necessary for systems connected to clotheswashers and single-fixture systems (fixtures to a common drain) that reuses water for landscaping. This change makes it a lot easier and less costly for homeowners to install graywater systems to water their landscape, reduce their water consumption as well as decrease wastewater treatment.

There are still, however, requirements that must be met in order to protect public health.

Some of the requirements are listed here:

- The system must have a diverter valve that can route graywater to the sanitary sewer system if necessary.
- Water from kitchen sinks or used to wash diapers or other infectious garments shall not be used.
- The graywater can be discharged above ground, but the discharge point must be covered by mulch.
- The water can't pond or run off of your property onto a neighbor's property or into storm drains. It must stay on the property from which it is generated.
- Graywater cannot be used in spray irrigation systems.
- It must have an air-gap or backflow prevention device to protect the potable water supply.
- Graywater is not to be used for root crops or edible portions of food crops.

For the full list of requirements, visit the *What's New* section of our website www.cvwd.net

El Carro Well Project - Update

The El Carro Well and Piplines Project, scheduled to be started this summer has been delayed due to a property lease agreement negotiation that has not yet been resolved. The El Carro Well half of the Project is the drilling of a replacement well located at the existing El Carro Well site. The new construction window for this half of the project is summer of 2010. In the meantime the District will focus efforts on completing the other half of the Project - the Central Zone Pipeline Project. The project is currently being designed. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2010. The alignment of pipeline work will be mostly along sections of El Carro Lane and Santa Monica Road. Affected customers will be notified in early 2010. All customers are welcome to participate in the planning process. If you have any questions or comments please contact Robert McDonald, CVWD District Engineer at 805-684-2816 ext. 107.

El Distrito es bilingue. Favor de llamar (805) 684-2816 con cualquier pregunta sobre su cuenta o el uso de agua, estamos aqui para asistirlos.

“Water Served Upon Request” Restaurant Table Tents

A number of restaurants in Carpinteria are using “Water Served Upon Request” table tents with great success. Some of the restaurants using the table tents include Jack’s Bagels, Gianfranco’s Trattoria, IHOP, The Worker Bee, and Cajun Kitchen. Jack’s Bagels owner, Doralee Jacobson, was an initial supporter and advocate for the table tents. The owners of Gianfranco’s Trattoria have reported that, “Since we began using these notices we are experiencing savings in not only labor (eliminating washing un-used glasses) but also savings in water usage and thereby water costs.”

To participate in the District’s *Water Served Upon Request Program*, please contact Rhonda at (805) 684-2816 x 116 or email rhonda@cvwd.net.

Rain Barrel Sale @ Cost: \$50 Saturday, September 26, 2009, 9 am to 4 pm SBCC’s Shoreline Parking Lot 3

Help Conserve Water Resources.
Reduce Runoff, Prevent Water Pollution.
Harvest Rainwater for Your Garden!

Container is 55 gallons, eco-friendly, is easy to install and all accessories are included.
Valued at \$120, you get it for \$50!

The sale, sponsored by the SB County Water Agency and Project Clean Water will be held at the corner of Shoreline and Loma Alta Drive.

Cash or Check Only!

For more information, call (805) 568-3546



Board of Directors Meetings

The Board Meetings for the month of **September**:

Wednesday, September 16 at 4 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 1301 Santa Ynez Avenue.

A special joint Board meeting of the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board and Carpinteria Valley Water District will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, September 21st in the District Boardroom.

**Effective October 2009, Board meetings scheduled the second Wednesday of the month will be held at
Carpinteria City Hall,
5775 Carpinteria Avenue
5:30 p.m.**

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