



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 36

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Why We're for Water

"We forget that the water cycle and the life cycle are one." — Jacques Cousteau

Arguably, water is cheap. In the United States, on average, tap water costs less than \$3 for 1,000 gallons—or mere fractions of a penny per gallon. Compare that to the cost of bottled water at the store, or filling up at your local gas station, and it becomes apparent that water, one of our most precious natural resources, is a bargain.

But while the cost is low, the stakes are high. In some communities, the water supply might seem abundant, but often that's not the case. Between 1950 and 2005, the U.S. population doubled, while our use of water through public supplies more than tripled. With demand outstripping supply, at least 36 states have projected some degree of water shortage by 2013.

So what's a concerned citizen to do? Start by standing up for water. You can join thousands of your neighbors supporting the We're for Water campaign, organized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) WaterSense program, and by making simple changes at home.

Given that each American uses an average of 100 gallons of water every day at home, it is easy to find a few gallons to spare. We can all start saving water today with three simple steps: Check, Twist, and Replace.

First, *check* toilets to reveal any silent leaks. Easy-to-fix household leaks can waste enough water each year to fill a backyard swimming pool. Just add a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank and wait 10 minutes before flushing. If dye appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet has a leak. If you find a leak, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak for do-it-yourself repair tips or contact a plumbing professional.

Second, if you do not have them already, *twist* an aerator onto each bathroom faucet to save water without noticing a difference in flow. Faucet aerators cost as little as a few dollars and can save a household more than 500 gallons each year—enough to do 14 loads of laundry. For confidence that an aerator will have your faucet using 30 percent less water while still flowing with force, look for the WaterSense label, which is only awarded to products independently tested and certified to meet EPA's water efficiency and performance criteria.

Third, *replace* your old showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model, which helps you shrink your water footprint while still enjoying a satisfying shower. Making this switch not only reduces a household's water use by 2,300 gallons annually but also saves enough energy from heating less water to power a television for a year. Accompanying savings on utility bills are an added bonus.

Because we want to ensure water supplies last for future generations, ***Harris County W.C.I.D. No.36*** is doing our part too. ***The District is consistently on the watch for customers whose water consumption becomes higher than normal so we can immediately notify them of a possible leak. Also, our employees are out in the district looking for and investigating any signs of water pooling for a possible leak.***

Want to do more? Then visit www.epa.gov/watersense and take the I'm for Water pledge and become a fan of WaterSense on Facebook to share why you're for water and learn more water-saving tips: www.facebook.com/epawatersense.

WaterSense is a partnership program sponsored by EPA that seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products and services.

September Newsletter

In continuation:

We would like to remind our customers there is a minimum charge for 0-3,000 gallons usage on the water bills for all customers. If you are away from home for vacations or work, there will still be at least a minimum bill due on the 15th to the 17th of every month along with any applicable late fees or other charges for past due bills.

This newsletter is available in Spanish in our office at 903 Hollywood St. If you have any questions, contact the office at 713.453.549.

Boletín de noticias de Septiembre

En continuación:

Quisiéramos recordarle que hay un cargo mínimo por el consumo de 0 a 3,000 galones de agua para todo cliente. Si usted sale fuera de vacaciones o por el trabajo, comoquiera habrá una cuenta mínima debida el 15 al 17 de cada mes junto con cualquier otro recargo que sea aplicable u otros cargos por cuentas atrasadas.

Este boletín de noticias está disponible en español en nuestra oficina en 903 Hollywood St. Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta comuníquese con la oficina al 713.453.5493.

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