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District Receives 25% Water Allocation!

District's Water Supply for the 2015 Water Year: The Bureau of Reclamation has announced that the District will receive a 25% allocation of its three year average. Considering that we received a 50% allocation last year, this reduction will have significant impacts to the District's water supply. Please continue to watch for further drought condition announcements.



Drought Contingency Plan

The District's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP): The District is currently in Stage I – Volunteer Conservation Program of the Drought Contingency Plan. At this time, customers have voluntarily conserved about 22% based upon last year's usage. In light of the 25% water allocation announcement, the DCP will be further reviewed by the Resource and Planning Committee and discussed by the full Board of Directors.

Educational literature for conservation practices continue to be available at the District Office as well as on our new website: www.centervillecsd.org.

For more information please visit our website, attend Board Meetings and read your monthly newsletter. It is our goal to keep you well informed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 pm., at the District Office. The public is always welcome.



! DON'T HOG ALL THE WATER !
Think 7 Generations Ahead

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Do you have an amazing tree or trees that you just don't want to lose during this drought? Believe it or not, overwatering is the most common mistake during drought season.

Flooded soil kills the fine hairs of the root system. Excessive watering can compact the soil making it harder for the roots to absorb water in the future. Many homeowners often mistake the signs of overwatering (ie; brown spots on the leaves and wilting of plant stems) as a sign of dehydration. This creates a vicious cycle where individuals apply more water, drowning their plants then blaming it on the drought.

Healthy trees are especially important for your home. Trees provide shade as well as release moisture that absorbs heat as it evaporates. When it's hot, trees create a micro-climate of cooler soil where beneficial bacteria and secondary plants thrive. This sheltering effect can help keep your grass and other plants during drought conditions.

It's easy to see the benefits of trees, but when the thermostat climbs it can be tricky to keep anything alive. Do more than keep your trees alive – help them thrive! Here are a few tips to turn your yard into a tree haven:

1. **Mulch:** It contains nutrients that your tree can use and it retains water like crazy. Mulch is a natural way to drip feed water to your tree right at the place its needed most.
2. **Fertilize Less Often.**
3. **Put Off Pruning:** Trimming a tree creates an open wound on the plant – this cut gives parasitic bacteria and bugs a chance to rob the tree of nutrients. The healing process takes up valuable resources that the tree needs for other life processes. Also, these cuts are areas where moisture and sap can leak out of the plant, which is especially troublesome when water is in short supply.
4. **Use an Irrigation Calculator** to determine the correct amount of water your tree will need. We have provided a link on our website ([Plant Water Needs - University of California](#)) to help you determine the amount of water your trees would need. Listed below is the ETo for Redding needed for the calculation process.

Zone 14—Evapotranspiration (ET_o)

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
1.55	2.24	3.72	5.10	6.82	7.8	8.68	7.75	5.7	4.03	2.1	1.55

As always, we thank you for your continued conservation efforts!

Quotable

Quotes: Why should you never iron a 4-leaf clover?
You don't want to press your luck.

Daryl Stout



Average Water Usage for the month:

Compare the usage on your water bill with the average of the District.

February's Average: 1,100 cubic -feet.