



WINTER 2011

Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts (LACWD) Newsletter

## Take back your Saturday Unlawn your yard

Homeowners across LA County are lining up to trade in their lawns and take advantage of "Cash for Grass" while funding for this popular program is still available. Sponsored by the LA County Waterworks Districts, Cash for Grass rewards customers for turning their thirsty turf grass lawns into attractive, drought-tolerant landscapes. With outdoor water use accounting for nearly 60% of a home's water use, the cost saving to customers will extend far into the future.

Only customers of the LA County Waterworks Districts are eligible to apply for this rebate program, which pays \$1 per square foot of grass removed and replaced with water-efficient landscaping. The eligible water efficient landscaping types include: native and drought-tolerant plants, mulch, rock, un-grouted stepping stones, and permeable hardscape. Visit a local nursery or home improvement center for ideas on how to get started.

So, take back your Saturday and unlawn your yard by applying for the *Cash for Grass* rebate. Take advantage of this rebate offer while funds are still available.

Applications are available online at [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org). For more information, contact Virginia Fowler at (626) 300-3362.

### My Waterworks Account Manager (MyWAM)

Paying your water bills and managing your account online is easier than ever with MyWAM.

MyWAM, the new billing and customer information system, provides easy, fast and instant account access and payments at a click of a button. Use MyWAM to access and manage your account anytime, from anywhere.

Register online at [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org).



**Xeriscaping = Beautifying =  
Conserving water =  
Saving money**



# WINTER WATER TIPS



Winter's low water-use needs are a great time to adopt behaviors that benefit homeowners and year long. Below are some tips on conserving water during winter months.

**Adjust watering schedule** – Shorter days and cooler weather, coupled with winter rainfall, mean that landscapes require very little to no irrigation. Set sprinklers accordingly to prevent overwatering. **Turn off sprinklers on rainy days.**

**Winterize your pipes** – To prepare for potentially freezing weather, insulate all exposed pipes and outside faucets.

**Locate the main shut-off valve** – Mark it for quick identification and turn-it-off in the case of an emergency. If a water pipe were to freeze and burst, it could cause flooding and property damage.

**Use a bucket** - While waiting for a shower to warm up, use a bucket to capture the water. Use the water for watering indoor plants, mopping the floor, or other watering needs.

## FREE ON-SITE WATER USE SURVEYS

LACWD provides FREE water use surveys to help you conserve water and save money.

LACWD customers can request and schedule a water use survey for their home or business. A water conservation specialist will visit the property to identify areas where water is being wasted, provide a customized outdoor watering schedule, provide free water saving devices, and help identify water savings.

Call Niagara Conservation at (888) 828-8602 to schedule your free water survey.



## Mark Your Calendars

March 19 — Fix a Leak Workshop, Lancaster Home Depot

March 18-20 — AV Home Event, Lancaster Fairgrounds

March 26-27 — Home and Garden Show, Hyatt Valencia

April 9 — Malibu Home Eco Tour

April 16-17 — AV Poppy Festival, Lancaster City Park

April 16 — Santa Clarita Arbor Day

April 4 — Deadline for AV High School Speech Contest Applications

April 22-24 — Topanga Earth Day Fair

April 22 — Malibu Legacy Earth Day Celebration

For more information, visit [www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org).

## REBATES



LACWD continues to offer customers rebates up to \$150 on a variety of water-saving devices:

- High-efficiency clothes washers
- High-efficiency & dual flush toilets
- Rotating sprinkler nozzles
- Weather-based irrigation controllers
- Synthetic turf
- Drip Irrigation
- Waterless urinals

Purchase water saving devices and take advantage of the rebate funding while it lasts. Application forms and lists of qualified products are available online at

[www.lacwaterworks.org](http://www.lacwaterworks.org)



### Let Us Know

To report water leaks or nuisance water running into the street, call 1 (800) 675-HELP. Please provide an address for our crews to investigate.

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### Mission

"To provide reliable, high-quality water at a reasonable cost to all of our customers."