

Free Residential Recycled Water Fill Station— A New Resource for OMWD Customers

As part of OMWD's ongoing efforts to lessen the impacts of the drought to our customers, OMWD is excited to announce that our temporary residential Recycled Water Fill Station is now open! The station is located at the intersection of Campania Avenue and Camino San Thomas in the 4S Ranch area.



This is a trial program, developed to allow OMWD residential customers the opportunity to utilize recycled water for landscape irrigation on their property, and to determine the level of demand for recycled water at individual residential properties.

There are two ways you can begin utilizing this new resource:

- Register by viewing and completing the materials at www.olivenhain.com/fillstation, then come to the facility with a copy of your bill statement to receive a registration card; or
- Train in person at the Recycled Water Fill Station with the same materials as above available from the attendant. You will then be issued a registration card to use the facility.

Hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. OMWD representatives will be present during all hours of operation to assist customers as they take advantage of this resource.

More information about the fill station program is available at www.olivenhain.com/fillstation. If you have any questions, please call 760-753-6466.

OMWD Finances Remain Strong

Both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's reaffirmed OMWD's AA+ stable rating over the summer, which is a key indicator for assessing the financial health and long-term sustainability of an agency.

To prevent reliance on increasingly expensive imported water, OMWD has invested significantly in diversifying its water supply portfolio by expanding recycled and desalination water systems as well as wastewater services. Diversification efforts were praised by Fitch as these will provide more reliable water supplies for OMWD customers at more predictable prices. Fitch also noted OMWD's excellent financial performance, strong liquidity, affordable rates, and efforts towards water conservation, as evidenced by increased public outreach, education, and turf removal programs.

Most importantly, this rating not only affirms OMWD's commitment to long-term fiscal sustainability, but also strengthens OMWD's financial hand, allowing for more favorable interest rates and re-financing options that will save ratepayers money.





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MISSION STATEMENT

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a multi-functioning public agency that is dedicated and committed to serving present and future customers in a service-oriented manner by:

Water

Providing safe, reliable, high-quality drinking water while exceeding all regulatory requirements in a cost-effective and environmentally responsive manner.

Recycled Water

Providing recycled water and wastewater treatment in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsive method.

Parks

Safely operating the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve and providing all users with a unique recreational, educational, and environmental experience.

Emergency Management

Complying with policies and procedures that adhere to local, state, and federal guidelines for national security and disaster preparedness.

Sustainable Operations

Pursuing alternative and/or renewable resources with the most sustainable, efficient, and cost-effective approach.



Scan and read this on your tablet or mobile device!

Desalination Plant Online Soon



Construction on the Carlsbad Desalination Plant is nearing completion, and the plant is expected to begin delivering water to homes and businesses throughout the county in December. Upon completion, the plant will produce 50 million gallons of water each day.

On June 29, crews installed the final piece of pipe to complete the 10-mile Carlsbad Desalination Pipeline, which will connect the plant to the San Diego County Water Authority's regional water distribution network. Street restorations in the cities of Vista and Carlsbad were completed in early September. These were important steps in establishing the supporting infrastructure for delivering desalinated seawater.

Although the construction phase of the project is nearly complete, the Carlsbad Desalination Project's role in our region's water reliability future has only just begun. OMWD has long supported the development of alternative water supplies like desalination and water recycling to reduce our dependence on increasingly costly water imported from outside of the region.



Turn Back the Clocks, Turn Down the Irrigation

For many of us, fall is the best time of the year with cooler, more pleasing temperatures. As you go through the normal routine of changing your clocks when Daylight Saving Time comes to an end on November 1, don't forget the clock on your irrigation controller. Replacing the batteries ensures that the timer will not default to lengthy settings if power is lost, and a change in seasons is the perfect time to adjust your irrigation schedule.

The days are shorter, the hours of sunshine decrease, and many plants lose their leaves and prepare for dormancy, which results in two important biological changes. First, our plants don't take in as much water. Second, the rate at which moisture evaporates from the soil is significantly less than it was only one month prior. Although plant roots continue to grow at a snail's pace during dormancy, without leaves they don't have a great need for hydration. Consider applying as much as four inches of mulch to conserve existing soil moisture and help protect plant roots.

Do you need help preparing your home for cooler temperatures? OMWD provides year-round, water-wise advice for the home, landscape, and sprinkler system. Call to schedule a free home water use evaluation at 760-942-3478, or email cltlandarch@roadrunner.com.

Free Tour of Facilities on October 8

OMWD cordially invites you to a behind-the-scenes tour of David C. McCollom Water Treatment Plant, 4S Ranch Water Reclamation Facility, and more on October 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attendees will learn how OMWD treats water with submerged ultrafiltration membranes, disinfects recycled water using UV light, and generates hydroelectricity.



Although this is a shuttled tour, there is some walking and stair-climbing required, so we recommend wearing comfortable, closed-toe shoes, and loose clothing. We also recommend that attendees bring a hat, light jacket, and camera.

For more information or to register, please visit www.olivenhain.com/events.



Free California-Friendly Landscape Training

Join OMWD and San Dieguito Water District on October 10 for a fun, fast-paced, and informative three-hour workshop that will introduce attendees to landscape design and maintenance emphasizing water-use efficiency.

The workshop is free of charge and will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Encinitas Community Center. Those who attend will learn the tools needed to become a more water-wise gardener and landscaper. We hope you can attend!

For more information or to register, please visit www.olivenhain.com/events.

Learn to Install a Rain-Harvesting System

Customers interested in reducing imported water use at their homes by harnessing winter rains are encouraged to attend a free workshop to teach attendees to construct and install rain barrels to begin their water harvesting system.

The workshop will be held October 22, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. A 2,000-square-foot surface area can capture 300 gallons of water from only a quarter-inch of rain. Rebates of up to \$75 for rainwater barrels are available on a first-come, first-served basis by visiting socalwatersmart.com.

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Don't forget: It's a toilet, not a trashcan!



While it can be tempting to use your toilet as a way to dispose of items, it's important that you avoid the temptation!

When toilets are misused as trashcans, unfortunate consequences can occur, including backups within your own property or even problems at your local wastewater plant.

Please avoid flushing items such as baby wipes and diapers, rags and towels, cotton swabs, syringes, candy and other food wrappers, clothing labels, cleaning sponges, toys, plastic items of any description, aquarium gravel or kitty litter, rubber items such as latex gloves, cigarette butts, sanitary napkins, hair, underwear, or disposable toilet brushes.

In addition, whatever ends up in your toilet can potentially have an impact on the water environment – so it's critical you keep household wastes such as chemicals and pharmaceutical products out of your toilet.