



2026 Water Quality Report Now Available

Our 2026 Consumer Confidence Report is now available online. The annual water quality report has information about the water delivered to your homes and businesses. Data presented in the 2026 Consumer Confidence Report is for water served between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. **The report shows that your drinking water met or exceeded all health-related state and federal water quality standards.**

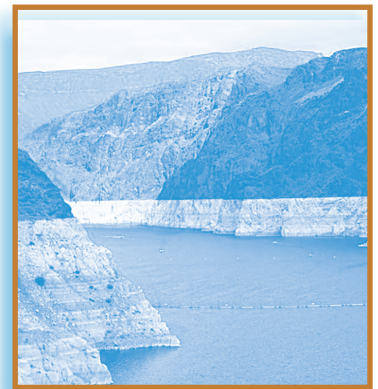
We are proud to share the results of the water quality report at www.olivenhain.com/ccr.

Colorado River – Running on Empty

The Colorado River Basin is a critical water resource for the Southwest. It has been experiencing overuse for over a quarter of a century. Warm, dry weather and record-low snowpack this year have made conditions worse. Low water levels reduce the reliability of the water supply for the seven states that share the river system.

Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming not only need to decide how to share river water this summer, but also how to share the river for the next 30 years. The current agreement for how the states share water expires on December 31, 2026. The states remain divided on a new agreement.

Currently, California can draw 4.4 million acre-feet annually from the Colorado River, which can meet the needs of over 13 million households. California has already volunteered to reduce its water use by 1.6 million acre-feet to protect reservoirs from reaching critically low levels. If the states cannot reach an agreement on a long-term plan in the coming months, federal officials can take over and develop a federal plan that could require more significant cuts, which could be impactful for Southern California. We will continue to monitor and report for future editions of Watching Water on this evolving water issue.



Low water levels continue along the Colorado River

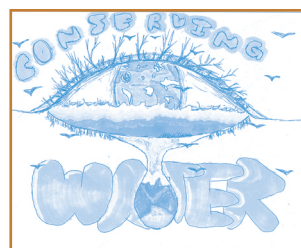
Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest Congratulations 2026 Winners!

We are proud to celebrate the winners of our 2026 Water Awareness Poster Contest! This year's theme, "Love Water, Save Water," inspired local fourth grade students across our service area to submit creative artwork promoting conservation.

Three winners were recognized by OMWD's Board of Directors at its May 20 meeting.



*Yohan R.
Monterey Ridge
Elementary*



*Austin M.
Olivenhain Pioneer
Elementary*



*Kira S.
Stone Ranch Elementary*



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www.olivenhain.com for dates.

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 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.

Maintaining a Water Smart Home

Looking for ways to save money, conserve water, and prevent costly damage to your property?

Here's a checklist that can help you maintain a water-efficient home. Some tasks may require that you contact a plumber, landscaper, or other professional, such as a certified backflow tester.



At Least Annually

1) Inspect Your Pressure Regulator and Check Water Pressure

Higher pressure can damage appliances, irrigation systems, and plumbing fixtures.

Learn more at www.olivenhain.com/pressure.

2) Inspect and Service Your Water Heater(s)

Identifying corrosion and weak spots in the water tank can help you prevent sudden ruptures and costly water damage, and extend your water heater's useful life. Most tank water heaters recommend an annual flushing.

3) Test Your Backflow Prevention Device(s)

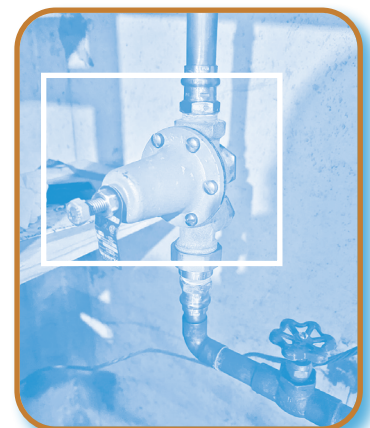
Some properties require a backflow device. California requires devices to be tested annually by a certified tester. Failing to test could result in fines and fees charged for service disconnection. Testing ensures your device is working properly, preventing unhealthy water (such as stagnant water in a fire sprinkler system) from entering the municipal water supply.

4) Inspect Your Fire Sprinkler System

Some homes have fire sprinkler systems served by a dedicated water meter. If you have one, inspect it to ensure it will work when you need it the most. For example, check water flow control valves and sprinkler heads for leaks or damage.



Backflow prevention device



Pressure regulator



Seasonally - Spring and Fall

5) Maintain Access to Your Water Meter

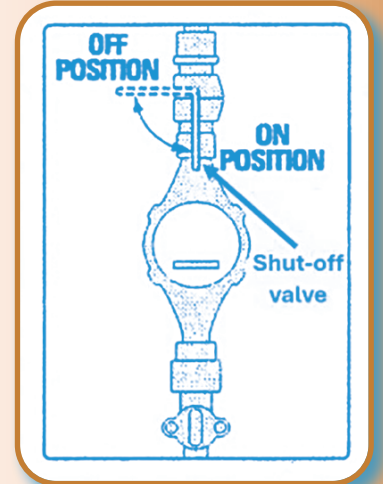
Check the area around your meter box in the spring and the fall to ensure that you and OMWD can locate and access your water meter. This includes six feet above the meter and six inches of landscape clearance around it. It's also good practice to exercise the customer-side shut-off valve annually. By slowly turning it off, then back on, you help ensure you will be able to stop the flow of water to your property in an emergency.

6) Inspect Your Irrigation System

Regularly inspecting an irrigation system will help you avoid unchecked leaks that can waste thousands of gallons of water, leading to high water bills. Adjust your irrigation schedule in spring and fall to maximize water use efficiency.

7) Monitor Usage and Set Leak Alerts with "My Water Use"

OMWD's online tool provides information about your water use in near real time. Setting up leak and high bill alerts at www.olivenhain.com/mywateruse can avoid surprises on your water bill. Adjust your alert settings in spring and fall, as water use can change with the seasons. Plants need less water in the fall due to shorter days and lower temperatures.



As Needed

8) Check Your Water Filter(s)

Not changing your water filter (e.g., refrigerator or whole-house system) can reduce water flow, result in bacteria growth, and possibly damage your refrigerator's water pump.

9) Inspect Your Water Softener

Maintaining your water softener (if you have one) can prevent costly repairs, avoid reduced water flow, and extend the system's lifespan. Contact your vendor for specific guidance for your system.

10) Conduct a Quick Leak Evaluation

Even small leaks can cause a spike in water usage, increasing your water bill. Check for toilet leaks, a garden hose left running, and if the pool autofill is stuck "on." Watch our video on investigating a potential leak at www.olivenhain.com/leak.



MAINTAINING A WATER SMART HOME CHECKLIST

Increase water efficiency and protect your property

- 1) _____ Inspect pressure regulator(s) and check pressure at least once per year.
- 2) _____ Inspect/flush water heater(s) at least once per year.
- 3) _____ Test backflow prevention device(s) annually. A list of certified testers is available at www.olivenhain.com/backflow.
- 4) _____ Inspect and test home fire sprinkler system annually.
- 5) _____ Maintain meter access – (Can the meter be easily found in an emergency?)
- 6) Inspect Irrigation System:
 - _____ a) Adjust irrigation schedule in spring and fall. Plants need more water in warm months.
 - _____ b) Visually inspect your irrigation system for leaks at least once a year.
- 7) _____ Inspect and maintain your water softener as needed.
- 8) _____ Replace water filter(s) as needed.
- 9) _____ Set/adjust My Water Use alerts in spring and fall.
- 10) _____ Walk your property to check for potential leaks as needed.



My Water Use Alerts

My Thresholds Account # _____ Meter # _____

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Billing Period Thresholds (Account)

Estimated Bill Alert Threshold	Water Use Alert Threshold
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Projected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Projected
<input type="text" value="\$200.00"/> Billing	<input type="text" value="Water Use (Gallons)"/>

Water Use Thresholds (Meter)

1 Hour <input type="text" value="1000"/>	1 Week <input type="text" value="Water Use (Gallons)"/>
1 Day <input type="text" value="2000"/>	1 Month <input type="text" value="Water Use (Gallons)"/>
<input type="text" value="10"/> gallons per hour for	<input type="text" value="24 Hours"/> <input type="text" value="24 Hours"/>

Learn about your water meter, water pressure, investigating leaks, setting usage alerts, and more at www.olivenhain.com/mywaterservice.