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BRENTWOOD
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It's all about **DOING MORE** WITH LESS

Together We Can Conserve!

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM
35% Mandatory Water Use Reduction

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

REDUCE WATER USE

CONSERVING TOGETHER BRENTWOOD

925.516.5373
brentwoodca.gov/savewater

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Mandatory potable water use reductions

The state has mandated we cut potable water use in Brentwood or pay penalties. To meet this requirement Brentwood City Council adopted a Water Conservation Program. It includes incentives and penalties to encourage conservation.

TWO WAYS TO COMPLY:		
1. Reduce Your Water Usage*		
	Required Reduction	
Residential Households	35%	
Commercial – Retail / Office, Etc.	35%	
Irrigation Only	40%	
OR		
2. Maintain usage at or below Citywide averages		
	Summer (April – Nov)	**Fall thru Spring (Dec – March)**
Residential	11,000 gallons/month	8,000 gallons/month
Commercial	32,000 gallons/month	24,000 gallons/month

*2013 usage baseline. Find your usage at www.brentwoodca.gov/2013usage

Rebates and Penalties

REBATES*	
If you reduce	**Rebate**
36% - 50%	$10
More than 50%	$20

*Will appear on your utility bill.
*Effective November usage, billed in December.

PENALTIES*	
If you reduce	**Penalty**
35%**	None
0% - 34%	$100
Increase use	$200

*Will appear on your utility bill.
**Penalties will not apply to customers that stay within the Citywide average.

How much can you save?

OUTDOORS

Prioritize Landscape Irrigation - Save trees & shrubs, consider your lawn.

Climate Appropriate and Water Efficient Landscaping - Saves money and is typically low maintenance. Visit a database with plants and pictures specific to Brentwood at www.waterwonk.us.

Mulch! Mulch! Mulch!

Water Early or Late - Water when temperatures are cooler.

Inspect Sprinklers and Drip - Check for broken or misaligned sprinkler heads or broken emitters.

Irrigation Timer - Check the schedule to ensure you're only watering when needed.

Sweep Don't Spray - Hosing down hardscape is not permitted.

Vehicle Washing - Consider car wash facilities that recirculate water.

POTABLE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

NO watering more than 2 days a week.
NO watering between 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
NO excessive landscape runoff.
NO watering within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
NO washing vehicle without shutoff nozzle.
NO washing paved or hardscape surfaces.
NO water use for non-recirculating fountains.

INDOORS

Replace Appliances - Now is the time to replace toilets and washing machines with water efficient models. Rebates are available!

Full Loads - Only run full loads of the dishwasher and washing machine.

Hand Dishwashing - Dishwashers are more efficient, though if you do, don't leave the water running; fill the sink.

Avoid Rinsing Dishes - Scrape food scraps; modern dishwashers are pretty good at cleaning stuck-on food.

Bucket in the Shower - Collect water while it is warming; it can be used to water plants or flush the toilet.

Shaving and Toothbrushing - Turn off the faucet while shaving or brushing your teeth.

Toilet Flushing - Consider whether or not to flush after each use.

HOW MUCH WATER DID I USE IN 2013?

Find your 2013 potable usage for your service location at www.brentwoodca.gov/2013usage or call Utility Billing (925) 516-5415.

Water Conservation Rebate Program

Convert For CA$H

Receive CA$H for conversions:

- Landscape
- Irrigation upgrades
- Water efficient appliance replacement

Details and application may be found at www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater.

Recycled Water Fill Station

FREE RECYCLED WATER FOR IRRIGATION AND OUTDOOR USE

Available to all City of Brentwood utility customers. A copy of recent utility bill and valid I.D. is required.

Located at the City of Brentwood's Wastewater Treatment Plant, 2251 Elkins Way.

Information for obtaining recycled water is available on the City's website at: www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater.

Water Softener Removal Financial Incentive Program

Chloride is a naturally occurring mineral found in drinking water. Chloride levels at the City's wastewater treatment facility are above maximum levels set by the state. These levels are exceeded primarily due to the use of salt-based, self-regenerating water softeners. To reduce the amount of chlorides coming into the treatment facility, the City is offering a financial incentive program to residents willing to remove their sodium and potassium salt-based, self-regenerating water softener or first time water softener buyers.

It is not required to replace a water softener that is removed.

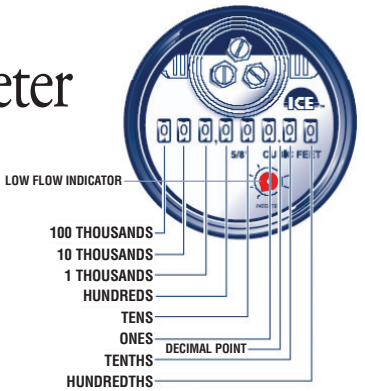
Following is a summary of the incentives:

$700 Removal Incentive:
Sodium and potassium salt-based water softeners are eligible for this incentive, which is paid out per unit to the applicant, and the City will directly reimburse prequalified plumbers for the removal of the unit(s).

$300 First Time Purchaser Incentive: This incentive is available for the first time purchase of a non-salt-based device (where no previous unit has been in place).

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION
Visit www.brentwoodca.gov/wsprogram
or call Public Works/Operations (925) 516-6000.

How to read your meter



LOCATE YOUR METER

The water meter is usually located near the curb in front of the house or place of business, in the ground, housed in a concrete box marked WATER. Carefully remove the meter box lid using a tool such as a large screwdriver. Visually examine the area around the meter to ensure your safety. (Black widow spiders are known to nest in meter boxes.)

READ YOUR METER

Reading a water meter is similar to reading an automobile odometer. Most meters have a seven or eight-digit number on the face, called the readout (see illustration.) This shows the total number of gallons used since the meter was installed.

FIGURE YOUR USAGE

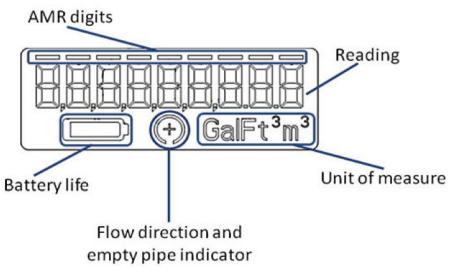
To calculate your water usage, pick a starting point at which to read your meter. Record the reading and date. A day or two later, read your meter again. Subtract the first reading from the second to determine how much water was used. For example:

Second reading	68180 gal
First reading	67150 gal
Water Used	1030 gal

Note: The City of Brentwood charges for water by the 1000-gallon unit (always rounding down.) Thus, in the example, 1030 gallons would be rounded to one (1) billing unit on your water bill.

READING YOUR IPERL WATER METER

AMR Digit Bar (4 to 8 Digits): The AMR digit bar shows which digits will be reported when the meter is read through the communications interface.



Battery Icon: The Battery Icon will turn on when the battery is low or the meter is near the end of life.

Flow Condition	Display
Positive Flow	Circle with +
Negative Flow	Circle with -
Low Flow Cut off	No icon displayed
Empty Pipe	Empty Circle

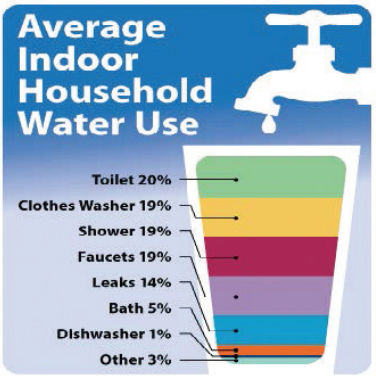
Unit of Measure: Gallon (GAL), Cubic Feet (FT^3), Cubic Meter (M^3)

Monitor your water usage

REGULARLY READ YOUR METER

Read your meter on a regular basis to track water usage trends and catch leaks. Keep a record of all readings. You will be able to detect trends from season to season and year to year. If your household changes in any way that affects water (e.g., new family member, plumbing upgrade, etc.), you will be able to determine the effect of the change.

HOW IS YOUR WATER USED?



BE A WATERWISE GARDENER

For ideas and plants specific to Contra Costa County visit: www.contracosta.watersavingplants.com.

Resources for water customers

WATER USE SURVEYS

Water Use Surveys are currently available for your residence or business to help with YOUR individual conservation efforts. Contact the City's Water Conservation Specialist at (925) 516-5373 or go to the website at www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater to schedule your appointment.

Visit us on the web for additional information and resources:

www.brentwoodca.gov/savewater

Reach out to us with questions, watersaving ideas or to report water waste:

savewater@brentwoodca.gov

"Brentwood Report It" smartphone app

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