

Did you know?

- 2013 was the driest year on record in California
- CA Governor Jerry Brown declared a state drought emergency in January. Residents and businesses are asked to reduce their water consumption by 20%
- If you turn off the tap while you brush your teeth, you save 2,5 gallons per minute!!
- Using a broom to clean your driveway, instead of a hose, can save up to 150 gallons of water each time!!

2014 California Drought

Governor Jerry Brown declared a state wide drought emergency January 17th, and residents and businesses have been asked to voluntarily reduce water consumption by 20%. California is gripped by historically parched conditions as the winter rain and snowstorms we typically get were obliterated by a high pressure system over the Pacific Ocean, named the "Ridiculously Resilient Ridge".

Southern California water purveyors have invested in local water reliability programs such as water conservation, storage and recycling, so there is no immediate danger of water supply interruptions here. However, we do not know how long the drought will last, so we need to be extremely cautious and not waste any water. Water

efficiency and water conservation needs to be on everyone's mind as we are all in this drought together.

There are a variety of water use efficiency rebates available such as \$1 per square foot for turf removed, rebates for high efficiency toilets (HETs), irrigation controllers and rain water barrels. Please visit our website, <http://surfcity-hb.org/hbwater/> for events and workshops, tips on how to reduce your water consumption and detailed information on the various rebate programs.

The water conservation team welcomes any questions you may have. We would like to thank H.B. residents and businesses for their continued efforts to use water efficiently.

16,000—24,000 gallons of water evaporates annually from an average sized pool, 16 ft x 32 ft. 80% of evaporation occurs during the three hottest summer months.



2014 Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation

CALLING ALL HUNTINGTON BEACH RESIDENTS!!!

The City of H.B. is participating in the world-famous Wyland Foundation's annual National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The contest runs April 1st— 30th.

The Mayor's Challenge is a competition that encourage cities across the U.S. to see who can be the most water wise by asking their residents to take

an informative pledge online to conserve water, energy and other natural resources.

Join Mayor Matthew Harper, and show your commitment to conserve water, a precious resource in a dry region, by visiting

www.mywaterpledge.com

Have you taken your pledge to conserve water for the 2014 Mayor's Challenge yet?
mywaterpledge.com

We can help you save money! The Water Use Efficiency program offers free water surveys to all residents and businesses. For more info. call 714.374.179

*Have you heard?
Overwatering is out, but gnomes are sooo in.*



Easy and Efficient Water Saving Tips

- ◆ 50%+ of all water is used outdoors - learn your irrigation controller and watch the watering schedule.
- ◆ If you see water running off your property, the irrigation system needs fine-tuning. By preventing run-off, you help keep the ocean clean too.
- ◆ Sign up for the turf removal program, rip up some turf and plant fun and exciting climate appropriate plants.
- ◆ Check your toilets for leaks. Sneaky leaks can waste hundreds of gallons a day.
- ◆ Be thrifty— Save water and money!
 - * Run the clothes washer and the dishwasher only when they are full
 - * Turn off the running water when you are not using it
 - * Use as little water as possible when you wash your vehicle
 - * Promptly repair broken sprinklers, leaks and irrigation system malfunctions
 - * Use a broom instead of a hose
 - * Create a “sponge garden” and retain valuable water on your property



WATER: DO MORE WITH LESS

Announcements

- ◆ The City's successful Rain Water Barrel program has scheduled one more Rain Water Harvesting class, April 12th, 3-4 pm. Barrel pick-up at 4-5 pm. To sign up or to order rain barrels, call 919.602.6316 or visit www.rainbarrelsintl.com - go to the Events tab, City of H.B.



- ◆ Shipley Nature Center's annual Spring Festival takes place on April 26th! Come join the fun!
- ◆ www.OverwateringIsOut.org is a joint O.C. effort to reduce water run-off, ocean pollution and water waste.



FREE Residential California Friendly Landscape Classes!

June 14th - Landscape Design

Learn how to replace boring and thirsty lawns with exciting, beautiful and beneficial plants adapted to our Mediterranean climate.

July 12th - Soils, Plants & Fertilizers

Learn to create enchanting gardens using climate appropriate plants that also support our regions rich bio-diversity. Understand your soil and the proper use of fertilizers to grow healthy plants.

August 9th - Irrigation Systems, Watering and Garden Maintenance

Learn about irrigation systems and general garden maintenance including great tips for organic gardeners!