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## Laguna Beach goes waterless with waterless urinals

Last year's waterless urinal pilot program has caused a ripple effect throughout the city thanks to the partnership among the Laguna Beach County Water District, City of Laguna Beach, and the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Community members expressed a positive response to the installation of the fixtures in three downtown public restrooms, and city personnel noticed a reduction in maintenance costs.

One year later, and with gallons of water saved, the city is installing 18 additional

waterless urinals throughout public buildings and parks.

Waterless urinals can now be found at Legion Hall, City Hall, Laguna Beach City Yard, Crescent Bay Beach, and four parks: Heisler, Alta Laguna, Riddle Field, and Bluebird.

The fixtures save up to 45,000 gallons of water per year, reduce maintenance costs, and improve restroom sanitation. These urinals give public fixtures a "cleaner" meaning by eliminating flush valves, handles, and sensors.

Businesses interested in learning more about waterless urinal installation can contact a manufacturer or local plumber. For information on rebates, contact the District for an application and a list of approved brands.

*The waterless urinal located at Riddle Field is one of 21 waterless fixtures now installed throughout the city.*



## Set back your sprinkler timers

Welcome winter's cooler temperatures and cut back on outdoor watering by reducing the frequency and amount of water used in your landscape.

Set irrigation timers to water two to three days a week, for a period of five minutes, and remember to water in the early morning. When winter rains begin, turn off your sprinklers altogether, unless you have a SmarTimer controller.

Also, check sprinkler heads regularly for possible malfunctions and leaks.

Customize your watering schedule to compliment the needs of your landscape, the Laguna Beach climate, and the season.

# Serve up savings with this conservation recipe

In the midst of the holiday season, you might find yourself using the following kitchen appliances twice as often when preparing seasonal feasts.

Before pulling out that recipe book, follow this water conservation recipe that is sure to serve up savings this year.

## 1. Dishwasher detail

One of the largest users of water in the kitchen is the dishwasher. On average, dishwashers use about 12 to 16 gallons of water per load during a complete cycle. To use the dishwasher efficiently, only run dishwashers with a full load of dishes, and select cycles that use the least number of washes and rinses.

If you prefer to wash the dishes by hand, avoid leaving the faucet running. A running faucet uses about one gallon of water per minute. Instead, plug the sink and fill one side

with soapy water and the other with rinse water.

## 2. Stove top savings

Choose pots and pans that are an appropriate size to the amount of food you plan to cook. This step provides the benefits of conserving water and enhancing the natural nutrients of the food.

## 3. Garbage disposal duty

A great way to limit water and waste disposal use is to wipe food from the plate into a trash can before washing.

If kitchen appliances are on your wish list this holiday season, look for water-wise appliances that will accrue big savings in your bank account for the new year.

When shopping for appliances, check with the manufacturer or retailer to find out whether the appliance is water efficient, and contact the District for information about appliance rebates.

Use this recipe to decrease water usage everyday. During a season where savings is key, why not start saving in the kitchen.



## Water-Wise Tips

- Run dishwasher with full load of dishes
- Avoid pre-rinsing dishes
- Defrost food in refrigerator instead of using running water
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than waiting for cold water from the faucet
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly
- Consider installing an instant hot water dispenser at your sink to avoid letting water run while waiting for it to heat
- Look for and fix leaks in faucets and pipes, and replace worn washers

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