Summer Efficiency Tips

The seasonal watering schedule has switched over to summer, as of April 1. LB residents and businesses are allowed up to three watering days per week: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. With a proper irrigation system, you will most likely find that three days a week is MORE than enough water to keep even a grass landscape alive during the summer months.

Every little change we make to our daily water use habits adds up to make a big difference. Check out these summertime tips to keep your use down during the upcoming warm months.

Stay Hydrated
Bring a reusable water bottle with you to decrease the amount of cups that require washing

Mulch The Yard
Mulch areas around the yard to provide protection from summer heat and decrease water evaporation

Use A Broom
Use a broom to clean driveways and patios. Fill a bucket and wash hardscape with biodegradable soap if hardscape needs extra cleaning. Bonus if it’s over a permeable surface to reduce runoff!

Fix Broken Sprinklers
Just one broken sprinkler could waste up to 25,000 gallons of water over a 6-month irrigation season (Source: EPA WaterSense). Make sure you repair any broken sprinklers, which will save you water and money!

For more tips visit lbwater.org/miission

Saving Water is Easier Than You Think!

LBWD’s Annual Water Quality Report Available Online July 1

Our annual Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) provides information as to how well our drinking water meets and exceeds water quality regulations. We appreciate you reading this report and learning more about what we do to safeguard your drinking water. To read the report go to lbwater.org/annual-water-quality-report. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the CCR, please contact us at 562.570.2482 or pick one up at your local library branch.
Introducing the Certified Blue Program

We’re excited to announce a new water saving program for Long Beach eateries! Interested restaurants are asked to enroll at register.lbwater.org/restaurants to receive an on-site efficiency survey, free water efficient devices (if eligible) and an assessment for possible rebates. Once Certified Blue, restaurants will be recognized by LBWD and receive a branded “brag” kit to flaunt their pride in being water efficient! And of course, restaurants will save on water and money.

Be Cautious of Standing Water to Avoid Mosquito Breeding

Help control mosquito breeding and the spread of West Nile Virus and Zika diseases in Long Beach by removing standing water in containers around your home. Be sure to overturn all unused buckets, cans, pots, etc. that are filled with stagnant water, and that your irrigation is not creating excessive runoff where pooling water may occur outdoors. Exercise care not to overwater potted plants as they may become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

For more information, please contact the Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services, Vector Control Program at 562.570.4129 or go to: longbeach.gov/health/inspections-and-reporting/reporting/vector-control-program

Smartscape: New Permit Requirements for Select Landscape Redesigns

In response to a new California law, Long Beach Development Services has launched Smartscape, a sensible, streamlined permitting process to assist homeowners in meeting the new State requirements. New landscaping projects larger than 500 square feet and relandscaping projects over 2,500 square feet will require permitting, design by a landscape professional and the filing of a complete landscape documentation package with Development Services. Most Lawn-to-Garden eligible projects will not be affected by this new regulation. For more details and information, call 562.570.6194 or visit lbds.info/lbsmartscape.

Come Visit Our New California-friendly Garden

Stop by our newly renovated California-friendly garden at our Administration Building (1800 E. Wardlow Rd). Local landscape designers Barbara Paul, Kathleen Irvine, Dominic Masiello and Shirley Kost were recognized for these unique designs at our L2G Tour & Festival ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 1, 2017. Garden signs highlight four different landscapes including “California Eclectic Meadow,” “Mediterranean Garden,” “California Woodland” and “Succulent Tapestry.” Come stroll the garden and find inspiration for your California-friendly garden!