

NEWSLETTER

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BDVWA's FIRE HYDRANTS

The *burning* question since Southern California's recent tragic winter fires has been: "Is there water in BDVWA's fire hydrants? The answer, reassuringly, is "YES". Reminder: Our fire season has now grown to 12 months annually. Save water—be fire safe and fire SMART!



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Holiday Closures:

May 26, Monday Memorial Day

July 4, Friday Independence Day (Office closed July 3rd)

September 1, Monday Labor Day

Wishing you all safe holiday celebrations!

APRIL IS California's **Earthquake Preparedness** Month!

But, water emergencies can occur anytime and for many reasons -not just with earthquakes!

So, be sure to keep at least a gallon of water (or more) per person per day, enough for 3+ days, and don't forget your pets! Learn more—visit: CDC.gov

Make Water Safe During an Emergency

After a disaster or emergency, tap water may not be safe to use Always listen to your local authorities for specific advice.

Use bottled water for drinking, cooking, and brushing teeth if possible. If bottled water is not available, choose one of the following methods to make your water safe.

Water contaminated with harmful chemicals or toxins cannot be made safe by boiling.disinfecting, or filtering.

This method will kill bacteria, viruses, and parasites

Boiling water is the best method.



Boil your water for 1 minute. At elevations above 6.500 feet. boil for 3 minutes. Let the water cool.

DISINFECT

This method will kill most

Add 8 drops or a little less than 1/8 of a teaspoon of 5%-9% unscented household bleach to 1 gallon water

For cloudy tap water, use 16 drops or If you don't have household bleach.

chlorine dioxide tablets or iodine can be used according to label instructions.

Add bleach to water.



Mix well.

Wait at least 30 minutes before using.

FILTER

Most portable water filters do not remove bacteria or viruses.

Choose a water filter labeled to remove parasites, and follow manufacturer's instructions. Filtered water might need additional treatment to be safe.



Water is the driving force of all nature.

CONSERVE.



A reminder from Bighorn Desert-View Water Agency, Joshua Basin Water District, Hi-Desert Water District, 29 Palms Water District, and the Mojave Water Agency.

BIGHUKI Desert View

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY? Here's a sampling of great and helpful information you'll find at www.bdvwa.org:

- Local History
- Service Area Map
- Water Rates & Fees
- Payment Options
- Address Change Forms
- Employment Applications
- Numerous Agency Reports
- Board Agendas & Packets
- Consumer Confidence Report (Water Quality)
- And so much more...!

HIGH USE WATER SEASON IS COMING!

As the temperatures rise, so does water use in the desert (along with our water bills). Here are five water saving tips that can help save water and money:

- 1. Check your water meter weekly for "slow leaks"—make repairs if needed.
- 2. Maintain evaporative coolers for efficiency.
- 3. Inspect irrigation lines for water line leaks every week.
- 4. Water landscape before 9am or after
- Use hose nozzles with shut-off valves.

FREE to all! Spring & Summer Water Conservation Classes & Events*

For more info, <u>Email: kjradnich@gmail.com</u>
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April 6, @ 6pm— July 10, @ 6PM— August 21, @ 6PM— September 5, @ 6PM— Water in the Desert Art Expo*

Summerizing Landscape Irrigation* May 2, 9, 16, 23 (AM)— Wildcrafting 4-part course** Storm Water and Rain Harvesting* Seed Swap Social*** August 28, @ 6PM— Creating your own Seed Bank*