



WATER NEWS

New Year, New Landscape: Grass Replacement Programs

Did you know the average U.S. household uses about 300 gallons of water per day or about 100,000 gallons per year? That's equivalent to about 7 full bathtubs of water per day or 5 full-sized swimming pools per year! These visuals put our water use into perspective and hopefully encourage you to practice sustainable habits to conserve valuable drinking water and contribute to reducing California's ongoing water challenges. Our communities are faced with multiple water scarcity threats of reoccurring droughts, groundwater depletion and the effects of climate change. But the good news is that you can easily be part of the water conservation solution at your own home!

One of the most effective ways to reduce water use at home is to **replace water-thirsty lawns with beautiful climate-friendly landscapes**. West Basin will pay you back in rebates for participating in our grass replacement programs. Residents in the West Basin service area are eligible to apply for rebates starting at \$3 per square foot of grass removal (up to \$15,000 total!) and **up to \$6 per square foot** for qualifying residents in underserved areas, plus free landscape designs, for projects that conserve water and reduce runoff to help offset the cost of turf removal.

Grass consumes a significant amount of water, especially during the dry season. Swapping traditional grass for climate-appropriate plants and alternative water-efficient landscape materials is a conservation goldmine because drought-tolerant plants typically only need 15 - 30% of the water that a lawn would require. These alternative landscaping options can also help lower water bills and maintenance costs. This photo exemplifies a custom landscape design and beautiful renovation.



West Basin also offers grass replacement rebates for commercial, industrial and institutional businesses (CII). Through our program grass lawns have been transformed into beautiful water use efficient landscapes at Hawthorne School District, City of Hermosa Beach, City of Gardena, Seagirt Manor, Prologis, and many more. CII grass replacement program participation has grown throughout the years with an increasing number of businesses transforming their turf landscapes into beautiful sustainable spaces.

Step-by-Step Guide

West Basin provides educational resources to help people through the design, application and installation processes. We've created a detailed guide on our website to help you apply for rebates and kickstart your new water-efficient landscape.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY FOR A REBATE](#)

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Tours, Classes and Online Chats: Sign Up for Water Lab Programs



If you want to learn more about California's water supply, find ways to encourage your kids to value conservation, explore water saving programs, or take a tour of a recycled water facility, check out West Basin's free Water Lab program! We offer a full roster of events, activities, and opportunities for adults and kids to learn about where your water comes from and discover the direct impact this vital resource has in your life. Get helpful resources from professionals that are eager to share their knowledge with you. The full list of 2025 activities is available to view and RSVP. This includes the popular "Know Your H₂O" classes where you can take an in-depth look at conservation efforts and discover the water issues that directly affect your neighborhood. Each class will be conducted by a guest water industry expert who will share resources and tools to help you save water in your community. Feed your curiosity and bring your appetite to the in-person classes because dinner is provided while supplies last.

[VIEW THE FULL SCHEDULE AND REGISTER TODAY](#)

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Helpful Tips

How to Prepare for Flood and Fire



Southern California is no stranger to flooding and fire. Be prepared and protect your home by monitoring your area's flood and fire risks, and weather reports, sign up for city or county Emergency Management Agency alerts, and have an evacuation plan in place. For flooding, elevate electrical appliances and store valuables in higher places to protect against water damage. Stock up on essentials like bottled water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries and a first aid kit. Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Clear gutters and drains to prevent blockages and install sump pumps or flood barriers if necessary. Preparation is key to staying safe during extreme weather. Also, learn how to maintain a fire resilient home at a free firescaping workshop.

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UPCOMING WEST BASIN EVENTS



Recycled Water Facility Tour
February 15, 2025

West Basin Chats (Virtual)
February 19, 2025

CA Friendly Landscape Class
March 11, 2025

Know Your H₂O
March 26, 2025

Recycled Water Facility Tour
April 5, 2025

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SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT

Nextdoor: West Basin has joined the chat!

West Basin Municipal Water District is now part of the Nextdoor platform, bringing updates about our programs, services, and community events straight to you. If you live in the District's service area, be on the lookout for our posts in your neighborhood groups.



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