



WATER NEWS

Earth Month in Motion: Small Actions = Big Impact



Spring has arrived, and with it comes Earth Month—a time to celebrate our planet and take actions to protect it. The world is a beautiful, filled with intricately connected flora and fauna that sustain life and allow our communities to thrive. From the health of our oceans to the health of our families inside our homes, Earth Month is a powerful reminder that local actions can create lasting environmental impact.

Throughout Earth Month and beyond, West Basin connects with the community through events and sustainability programs that bring conservation to life, safeguarding one of our most precious resources: water.



[Watch the video](#)

Through school programs, facility tours, workshops, and community classes, West Basin helps people understand where their water comes from—and how to use it wisely.

Taking advantage of West Basin's grass replacement rebate program is a great way to save water and money on your water bill! You get a free landscape design, rebates for water-efficient trees and money back for each square foot of grass removed to create your very own stunning lower maintenance native plant garden. If you want some conservation inspiration, check out our client testimonial from the Alcocer family who took advantage of all these resources to transform their thirsty

grass into a thriving landscape their entire neighborhood admires.

We can all feel empowered every day to protect our planet. It does not require perfection—just participation. Small choices add up: fix leaks, turn off the tap while brushing to save water, swap single-use plastics for reusable bags and bottles, and recycle whenever possible. Plant native flowers to support pollinators like bees and butterflies or spend a day cleaning up trash in your neighborhood. Even choosing to walk, bike or carpool can make a difference and reduce gas emissions that pollute the atmosphere and the air we breathe.

Join West Basin in celebrating Earth Month and check out our event calendar to explore conservation programs, get involved and be part of building a more sustainable future.



UPCOMING WEST BASIN EVENTS



Firescaping Workshop
May 14, 2026

Garden Design Class
May 20, 2026
June 9, 2026

Recycled Water Facility Tour
June 6, 2026

West Basin Chats (Virtual)
June 17, 2026

Know Your H₂O Class
July 8, 2026

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)

WestBasinCA.gov/events

From Art Lessons to Art Contest Winners! How These Students Turned Passion Into Award Winning Art Projects

Creativity flows when students have the tools to succeed—West Basin’s “Being Water Wise Is…” Student Art Contest helps make that possible. Each year the District hosts a local competition for students in the service area to showcase their artistic abilities by capturing what it means to conserve water. The winners receive iPads and gift cards and they advance to Metropolitan Water District’s regional art competition.

To support young artists, the District offers free hands-on classroom lessons led by professional instructors. These sessions introduce students to water conservation, local water sources and West Basin’s mission, while teaching techniques like shading, collage and stenciling. West Basin also provides art kits valued at \$80 for select schools that need free resources filled with essential supplies and specialty materials chosen by teachers. By removing barriers and sparking creativity, West Basin empowers students to express their ideas and become thoughtful stewards of our most precious resource—water.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2026 art contest. Their artwork truly captures the meaning of water sustainability.



2026 Grand Prize Winners

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ART CONTEST

WestBasinCA.gov/artcontest



WEST BASIN IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Check out photos from recent events

Helpful Tips

Spring Into Smart Water Savings



Spring is the perfect time to refresh your yard—and your water habits. As temperatures rise, check irrigation systems for leaks, adjust sprinkler schedules to avoid overwatering, and water early in the morning to reduce evaporation. Swap thirsty plants for drought-tolerant options and add mulch to keep soil moist longer. Small changes now can lead to big water savings all season long.

WATCH THIS VIDEO TO LEARN MORE!

WestBasinCA.gov/landscape-maintenance-video

SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Bringing Fresh Water to Your Community Spaces

West Basin’s Water Bottle Filling Station Program provides clean drinking water stations at schools, city facilities, parks, community centers, and more that help reduce plastic waste and keep you hydrated. This grant allows participating locations to select the setup that fits any indoor or outdoor space to make a lasting sustainable impact. Visit our website to learn more!



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