



Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

How to Safely Store Emergency Water



Living in California, it's always a good idea to prepare your home with an emergency kit in the event of a natural disaster. In all emergency kits, water is an essential item to include. When a disaster strikes, there may be temporary disruption in water access. It's recommended to store at least 1 gallon of water per person, per day for a minimum 3-day supply.

Some tips for storing water in your emergency kit:

- Store water in a cool, dark place.
- Replace water every six months and be sure to check expiration dates on store-bought water.

If you're storing water in your own containers, make sure to sanitize the containers.

- Use food-grade water storage containers found at surplus or camping supply stores.
Note: Milk jugs may contain contaminants from improper sanitization. Use with caution.
- Wash containers with dishwashing soap and rinse with water.
- Sanitize by swishing a solution of 1 teaspoon of liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water on all interior surfaces of the container.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water before use.

Stay Informed During A Disaster



AlertOC is a mass notification system to inform Orange County residents and businesses of emergencies. By signing up with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice mails from the County or City in

which you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, email accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

For more information, visit <http://bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp>.

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OUR MISSION

Yorba Linda Water District will provide reliable, high quality water and sewer services in an environmentally responsible manner, while maintaining an economical cost and unparalleled customer service to our community.

OUR VISION

Yorba Linda Water District will become the leading, innovative and efficient source for high quality reliable services.

Designing a Drought Friendly Yard



The majority of a home's water use is outdoors. There are many ways to transform your water thirsty yards into an attractive and drought friendly landscape to reduce water consumption and save money. More than 100 YLWD customers have cashed in on available rebates putting money back into their pockets for saving water. While some have opted to keep the green look with artificial turf, other homeowners have redesigned their yards with drought tolerant plants, and a mixture of decomposed granite (DG) and pavers to update frequently walked spaces. The options and variations are truly endless.

Rebates for up to \$2.00 per square foot are still available. You can apply for turf removal rebates through the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). Before you begin the design and construction process, apply online for the turf removal program on www.ocwatersmart.com and follow the guidelines of the program.

Remember the District is currently in **STAGE 1 Conservation Ordinance**



Outdoor Watering is limited to 3 days/week. Odd numbered addresses can irrigate M-W-F, and even numbered addresses on T-TH-SAT. No irrigation on Sundays.



Since joining the District in September, I have been asked many questions about the District's role and responsibility to our public. The answer is simple. As with any water provider, Yorba Linda Water District's primary responsibility is protecting **Public Health**. Providing reliable, safe, high quality water is our duty. That *Duty to Serve extends throughout our defined District service area.*

Though I have spent 14 years living here in Orange County and am familiar with California water issues, I also have the benefit of experiencing living in other parts of the country and managing a water company in Washington State. While water issues vary across the country, typically due to supply, there are two essential components to managing a water system that are uniform: **protecting Public Health** and our **Duty to Serve**.

Water Districts don't decide who gets water and who doesn't (*unless you don't pay your bill*). Our entire service area is entitled to water and we are charged with delivering it - to each and every parcel. The water is owned by the public. Our water bill represents the costs associated with the service of pumping, treating and delivering that water to our homes, businesses and farms. Essentially the water is free. We pay for the shipping and handling.

In a recent article, *Reader's Digest* provided a list of the "10 Jobs Americans Can't Live Without." Many are in the service industries, working for utilities or very visible public safety professions like police or fire fighters. Number 2 on the list is water/wastewater treatment plant and system operators. (Number 1 is registered nurses.)

Because we work for the most part behind the scenes, it is even more important that we do the right thing when no one is looking. Managing the water system and delivering Public Health 24 hours a day, 365 days a year is an awesome responsibility. That said, rest assured, we will be doing our part to ensure a reliable, healthy water supply to all of our customers – today and into the future

Marc Marcantonio, General Manager

Thanksgiving Day



Plymouth Rock 'N Run



Mole to serve as **CAC CHAIR** for a **THIRD YEAR**

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is the beating pulse of Yorba Linda and water issues. In December, the Committee unanimously appointed Daniel Mole to serve as Chairman for a third consecutive year.

Formed by the Board of Directors in 2009 to offer community input on various matters concerning the District, the Committee has provided valuable feedback on many important decisions. The CAC is dialed in to issues from water supply conditions and District initiatives to enhance the system, to emergency preparedness, water quality and community outreach. Committee members act as informal representatives of the District, taking information back to their neighborhoods, civic associations and workplaces.

"The CAC is concerned about the drought and how we can best communicate the issue from the District to the community," said Mole. "I am often stopped in the grocery store with questions such as, 'are we really in a drought?' or 'is the drought over with the rain?'"

Born and raised in Yorba Linda, Mole, the Co-founder of Pacific Utility Installation, is no stranger to many of the issues the District deals with daily. Experience that made him a natural fit to serve on the CAC. The CAC is comprised of 10 members that reflect a broad spectrum of interests from throughout the District. The diverse members' backgrounds range from community leadership and academia to water operations and engineering. CAC Meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the fourth Monday of the month.