

## Landscape rebates for residents, HOAs & businesses

 CVWD offers rebate programs to help customers improve water-efficiency outside their homes and businesses. Here is a list of landscape rebates.

-  Residential Landscape Conversion Rebate Program
-  Residential Smart Irrigation Controller Program
-  Residential Rotary Nozzle Rebate Program
-  HOA & Commercial Landscape Conversion Rebate Program
-  HOA & Commercial Smart Irrigation Controller Rebate Program
-  HOA & Commercial Rotary Nozzle Rebate Program
-  HOA & Commercial Irrigation Upgrade Rebate Program

All rebate programs require pre-approval. Apply online at [cvwd.org/rebates](http://cvwd.org/rebates) or pick up an application at CVWD's office (75-525 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert).



## Fats, oils and grease clog sewer pipes

Help prevent sewer backups in your home and major damage to sewer pipes.

### In the kitchen

Be sure to scrape fats, oils and grease into the trash NOT down the drain. Put used frying oil and grease into a container to cool – then toss it into the trash can.

Even if you have a bit of leftover butter or cream sauce, wipe down your pan before rinsing it off. These steps will help save your home's plumbing and the public sewer system from damage.

### In the bathroom

It is really important for your home and the public sewer system that you only flush what is supposed to go down the drain.

### What can you flush?

- #1 (pee)
- #2 (poo)
- Toilet paper

In addition, "flushable" wipes and diapers also cause damage to sewer systems. Do not flush any wipes or diapers regardless of what the packaging says. Just because an item says it is flushable does not mean that it will disintegrate or breakdown. Remember to be sewer smart—

do not flush or drain any item that should go in the trash or be disposed of another way.

Medication is another item that people mistakenly flush down the toilet. Drugs should never be put down the sink or toilet.

Properly dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications at a household hazardous waste collection site or throw them away in a sealed container mixed with dirt, coffee grounds or kitty litter. Many cities offer collection programs.

Throw prescription bottles out separately and consider using a permanent marker to mask your personal information.

Taking time to dispose of things properly throughout your home is one great way to protect your pipes and help your community.





## Skip overseeding this year for maximum water efficiency

CVWD is encouraging homeowners, HOAs, businesses and golf courses to not overseed this fall, especially not in a way that requires excessive water use. Overseeding has been a long-standing practice in the Coachella Valley, but is unnecessary.

For those who still want to overseed, CVWD urges you to do so in a way that does not waste water. Customers' water budgets are not increased for overseeding. Remember to be mindful of your water use.

Visit [www.cvwd.org/overseeding](http://www.cvwd.org/overseeding) to download CVWD's Overseeding Without Wasting Guidelines. Grass should take about 30-60 days to mature from the date of seeding when using this method.

## Self-regenerating water softeners prohibited

Water softeners are unnecessary since CVWD's tap water meets all state and federal drinking water standards and does not need to be conditioned or filtered.

CVWD prohibits the use of self-regenerating water softeners because they discharge salt down the drain. Discharged salt can harm the groundwater and may cause more treatment requirements, which would increase future costs of providing sewer and water services.

If you choose to soften your water, please check with your local water conditioning expert or the Pacific Water Quality Association to avoid installing a system that discharges salt down the drain.



## Desert Garden Community Day Saturday, October 26 8:30 to 2 p.m.

### Partial presentation schedule

- 10:15 a.m. Ditch Your Turf
- 11:15 a.m. Irrigation Tune Up
- 11:15 a.m. Caring for Citrus Trees
- 12:15 p.m. Citrus Clinic

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## Coachella Valley Water District Your Water is our promise

### Board Meetings

Board meetings are generally held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m.

The public is encouraged to attend these meetings to learn more about the water district. Meetings alternate between the district's Palm Desert and Coachella offices. Meeting agendas are posted online three business days prior to a meeting and include the time and location.

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