Did you know?

In the Coachella Valley, we get an average of three to four inches of rainfall per year. So we must rely on imported water, recycled water and conservation measures to meet the water needs of the valley’s more than 400,000 residents, its many businesses, golf courses and agricultural operations. We encourage customers to conserve this precious resource.

State announces unprecedented regulation for chromium-6

In April, the state announced a new regulation on chromium-6, a mineral that occurs naturally in the valley’s water, at 10 parts per billion (ppb). California is the first state in the nation to regulate chromium-6.

About half of CVWD wells have chromium-6 levels above the new regulation. CVWD has been working ahead of the curve to determine the most efficient, cost-effective way to comply. Your tap water has always complied with the state standard for all forms of chromium at 50 ppb and the federal standard at 100 ppb.

Your water

Chromium-6 does not cause any immediate health risks. You can still drink, cook with and use your tap water. The state is regulating chromium-6 because of potential health impacts after decades of consumption.

Wide-ranging impacts

The Coachella Valley is one of the most financially impacted communities in the state. As a direct result of this regulation our customers may see bill increases of about $50 a month per household, and what could be the largest public works project the Coachella Valley has ever seen.

To learn more about chromium-6 visit our online resource center at: www.cvwd.org/cr6.

Drought reminds us to continue water conservation efforts

Save water & money with our incentive programs.

Program details are listed below:

- Turf Conversion. For residential customers, CVWD will offer $1 per square foot of removed grass up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet.
- New generation sprinkler nozzles. Convert from less efficient spray nozzles to new-generation sprinkler nozzles. For residential customers, the rebates are $2.50 per nozzle for a maximum of 80 nozzles.
- Smart irrigation controllers. Homeowners may be eligible to purchase smart controllers for a discounted rate of $50. This rate also includes installation. These controllers can reduce outdoor water usage by an average of 26 percent!
New ways to receive our Annual Review & Water Quality Report

*Electronic options now available!*

We are offering new options for receiving our Annual Review & Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

You can opt to have an electronic version emailed to you, view it online or continue to receive a print version.

- To request an electronic copy, visit [www.cvwd.org/optout](http://www.cvwd.org/optout).
- To request to be taken off the mailing list, visit [www.cvwd.org/optout](http://www.cvwd.org/optout).
- To continue to receive a printed copy by mail, do nothing.

Customers with international addresses should choose one of the electronic methods above or contact us for other options.

For questions or more information call (760) 398-2651.

Voters to decide how Board of Directors are elected

On June 3, voters within CVWD’s boundaries will be able to decide whether to change the way in which Board of Directors are elected.

Currently, the water district is represented by five directors who are elected at-large by all voters within CVWD’s boundaries. Measure D asks voters whether to change the process so that the directors represent separate geographic divisions.

Voters would elect the director charged with representing their geographic division, therefore making directors accountable to those residents instead of the population at large. Visit [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org) for more information.

Rising temperatures affect plants in many ways

**Water Wise Tip of the Month!**

Below are some ways to keep plants healthy during the warm season without wasting water.

- Your landscaping does need more water during the warmer months. Check CVWD’s irrigation guide for recommended watering times at [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org).
- Water in the early morning or evening hours to minimize loss through evaporation.
- Mix organic mulches thoroughly into the soil over the root area of the plant. Mulch and composts help insulate the soil, improves soil structure, curtails weed growth, prevents soil crusting and reduces the need for cultivation. Mulches include organic matter such as ground bark, redwood, sawdust and compost.

For more water wise tips visit [www.cvwd.org](http://www.cvwd.org).