

GWC News For You

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Best Water! Best Service!



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May 10, 2016
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September 13, 2016

When doing repairs, utilize the building's shut-off valve. Do not turn off the water at the meter pit!

Ditch the Watermaster bill

Do you get the annual Watermaster bill for those water rights you can't use? Have you ever wondered why you even get that bill? History tells us that when the housing communities were started, the available water rights were spread across the parcels. The water rights are surface water rights for the ditches off the Carson River. These ditches have been permanently blocked or the ditch has been covered, so the water is no longer available. So WHY pay for something you can't use? The GWC will take these rights off your hands and you will no longer get those bills. All that is entailed is a "Quit Claim Form" we create, you sign and we record. If you are interested in transferring your rights to GWC, please bring in a copy of your bill and we can process your request. Please be aware that the past due amount must be paid before we can process your request.



Managing water quality from source to tap

GWC takes its water quality and safety very seriously. The drinking water supplied by GWC is tested monthly for bacteria and other micro-organisms and annually for more than 140 regulated and unregulated contaminants. GWC's drinking water meets or surpasses all Federal Safe Drinking Water Standards. In fact, our water is tested more thoroughly and frequently than most bottled water. Results from GWC's annual water quality testing can be found in the GWC Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) located on our website at www.gardnervillewater.org.

Your tap water is a **Good Value!** Fill up a reusable bottle (free at the GWC office) with tap water - not only is it high quality, it costs significantly less than bottled water and is environmentally friendly.

TAP WATER: IT'S REFRESHING. IT'S CONVENIENT. IT'S...

YOU CAN FILL **1500** GLASSES OF TAP WATER

FOR THE PRICE OF **ONE** PLASTIC BOTTLE

VIRTUALLY FREE!

DRINK TAP WATER

AND SAVE YOURSELF HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS ON PLASTIC BOTTLES

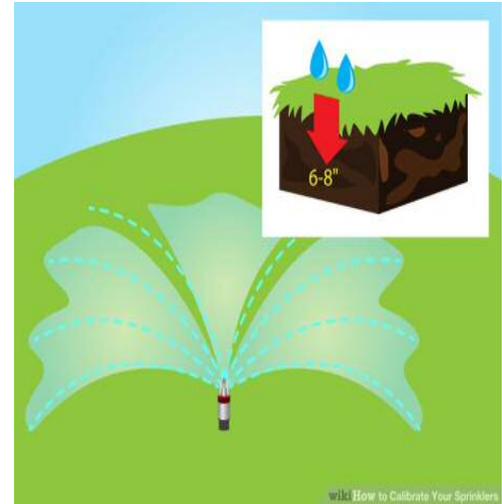
GET IN THE HABIT OF ALWAYS CARRYING A **REFILLABLE BOTTLE**

FREE refillable water bottles at the GWC Office

How much water does your grass need?

Your grass will be the healthiest if you completely wet the root zone each time you water. To accomplish this, grass should be watered to a depth of 6 to 10 inches. You should apply about 0.75" (3/4 inch) of water each time you irrigate to wet your lawn's root zone.

A good way to test how deep you have watered is to use a soil probe - a sharpened piece of rebar or a very long screwdriver works well. About an hour after watering, push the probe into the soil. It will slide easily through wet soil but will be difficult or impossible to push through dry soil. Water your lawn until you can easily slide the probe to the recommended depth.



Now that you know how much water your lawn needs, you need to find out how much water your sprinkler system applies. Sprinkler output can vary depending on your system design.



On average, pop-up sprinklers apply 0.4 inches of water in 15 minutes, and impact sprinklers apply 0.2 inches of water in 15 minutes.

Here's a simple and fun method to measure your sprinkler output. This is a great activity for kids!

Collect 6 to 8 shallow, flat-bottomed cans like tuna or cat food cans. Spread the cans around your lawn 4 to 5 feet apart, then turn on each valve or station of your sprinklers for 15 minutes. When the sprinklers turn off, measure the depth of water in each can. Record your numbers. To calculate your sprinkler number, add your can test measurements together and divide by the number of cans to get the average depth. This is your sprinkler number - the average amount of water in inches that your sprinkler system applies in 15 minutes.

Visit www.wateruseitwisely.com for more information on ways to conserve.

Does your toilet leak?

Sometimes it is easy to tell that your toilet is leaking - you hear the sound of running water or a faint hissing or trickling. But many times, water flows through the tank silently, which is why these leaks are often overlooked.

How to check your toilet for leaks

- Remove the toilet tank lid.
- Drop one dye tablet (available at the GWC office) or 10 drops of food coloring into the tank.
- Put the lid back on. Do not flush.
- Wait at least 10-15 minutes, and then look in the bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak. If not, you don't.

