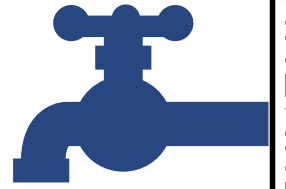
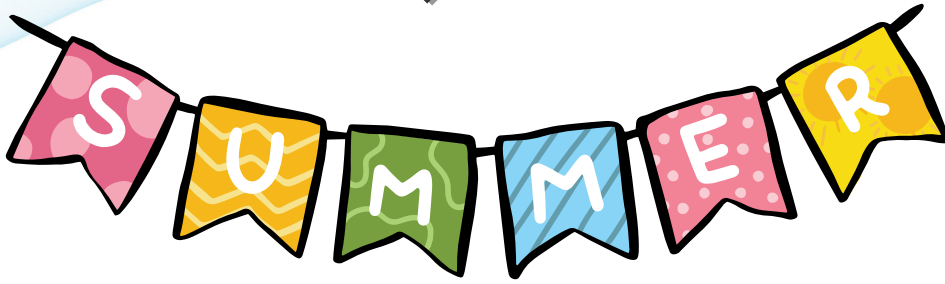


# 2nd Quarter News



***As you care for your yard this summer, here are some simple actions you can take to be water smart:***

1. **Cut back on outdoor watering.** When you must water, morning is best. Reducing the number of days you water your lawn, even by one, can save hundreds of gallons of water, and watering in the morning means plants and soil can absorb water before it evaporates.
2. **If you have a lawn, mow high.** Grass that is three or four inches tall has deeper roots to better access underground moisture.
3. **Check for leaks.** Replace cracked, leaky sprinklers and hoses so water isn't wasted.
4. **Use mulch in planter beds.** Mulch reduces evaporation and helps retain water where it's needed in the soil.
5. **Water your landscaping, not the sidewalk.** Adjust your sprinklers to avoid watering sidewalks or install new devices to provide better accuracy.

*Outdoor water waste can add up fast, especially during the summer months. It is critical that Californians take steps to conserve, and conserving and being water smart around your yard is a key step to making water conservation a way of life.*

## HOME FIRE SAFETY

Did you know that half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January and February? Read below to learn how to better protect your home from heating related fires.

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### KEEP A DISTANCE

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like your furnace, fireplace or portable space heater.

### SMOKE ALARMS

Be sure to test your smoke alarms monthly.



### INSPECTIONS

Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and furnaces professionally inspected and cleaned once a year.

### CANDLES

Never leave burning candles unattended.



### ALWAYS TURN IT OFF

Remember to always turn portable heaters off when leaving any room or before going to bed.



### SCREEN PROTECTION

Make sure that your fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks flying into the room.

## Clearlake Oaks Firework Show- DONT MISS IT

Clearlake Oaks Boat Dock  
July 3, 2022  
Sunset



Would you like to be informed when there is an urgent resident notification? Or when we need YOUR help? Simply visit [www.clocwd.org](http://www.clocwd.org) and sign up for alerts! It's easy!

## TALK TO US

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[www.clocwd.org](http://www.clocwd.org)  
12952 E. Highway 20  
P.O. Box 709  
Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423  
Office Hours M-W  
8:00 AM-3:30 PM



Don't allow water theft in your neighborhood, this is a crime! Report any attempts of water theft 24/7 to (707) 998-3322

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## Attention: Rate Change July 1, 2022

On June 22, 2021, the Clearlake Oaks County Water District Board of Directors adopted a resolution establishing a five-year schedule of Water and Sewer rates. The second scheduled rate change is July 1, 2022 and will be reflected on the July 2022 billing statement.



Happy Summer! For most people summer time means shorts, flip flops, swimming, and friends. At a water district however, it means high water demands, extreme algae conditions, and this year, a third year drought. With that being said, don't get me wrong, I do love summer. As everyone is aware by now, the State of California is under an emergency drought declaration. With this declaration came the requirement of all water districts approving a conservation policy. As of now, the Board of Directors have declared a stage 2 of our policy (this policy can be found on our website, [clocwd.org](http://clocwd.org)) which asks everyone to conserve 10% of their water usage. As a rule of thumb, an average family of four will use approx. 8,000 gallons of water per month, so please sit down as a family and discuss ways to save water.

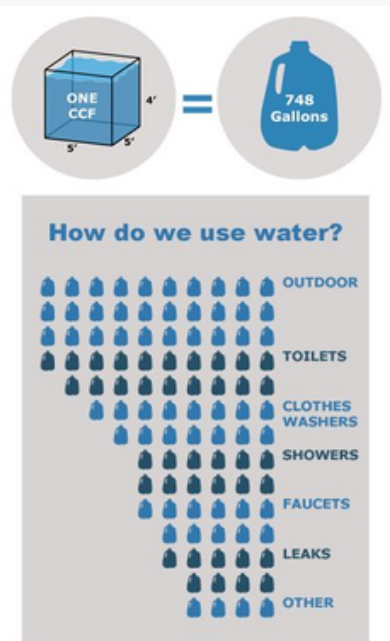
An update on the eight million dollar USDA water improvement projects, all new meters have been installed, over 700 residents have received state required backflows, the installation of new main pipelines and service lines to Spring Road, Mitchell Road, Terry Drive, along with Harvey Blvd. In addition, the Clearwell at the Water Plant has been recoated. Upcoming projects will be the construction of a new water holding tank at Cerrito and Harvey locations, along with the installation of the four new DMA meters (District Metered Area).

The intake pump extension project has been completed and pumping water 1,200 feet off shore. Besides ensuring deeper water to pump from, pumping raw water from deeper waters will have less turbidity (suspended matter or stirred-up sediment), which in return will allow the water plant to run less, use less chemicals, and give our Operators some time off so they too can enjoy the summer.

If the above projects are not enough, the District just received grant approval from the State to implement an Actiflo pilot program. The Actiflo is an additional clarifier to assist in removing extreme algae and other sediments from our raw water. In addition, it will also assist in meeting water demands when we take our clarifiers off line for maintenance in the fall.

As always, I want to thank our staff for all their hard work and dedication.

So, pour yourself a cool glass of lemonade, strike up the BBQ, have a conversation regarding water conservation, and enjoy the company of good friends. Hope you have a great summer!



## Annual Backflow Testing is Required by the State of California!

CLOCWD would like to remind residents and local business owners that the State of California requires the installation and annual testing of backflow devices. This compliance testing must be performed by a certified backflow tester. The annual deadline for test compliance submission is December 31, 2022.



A reduced pressure zone device typically installed at commercial properties.



A double-check valve device typically installed at residential properties.

**What is a backflow device?** Backflow devices are mechanical doublecheck valves that prevent the water flow from reversing during a loss of water pressure. This loss can be caused by firefighter use or a water main break. These devices must be tested annually to make certain they are functioning properly. Backflow devices protect against potential contamination of the public water supply during times of fluctuating pressure. The District encourages residents to arrange for a AWWA certified backflow tester to conduct their annual backflow test and avoid any penalties for noncompliance. Residents must submit a copy of the backflow report to the District. CLOCWD keeps an up-to-date list of local California licensed backflow testers, which is included in the annual testing reminder. Please contact CLOCWD at (707) 998-3322 with any questions you may have regarding backflow. You are required to have a backflow device should you have: secondary source of water supply (IE: Lake, river, stream), in-ground sprinklers, fire lines, in-ground swimming pool, or a private well that is interconnected with the public water supply.