



We Are Always Working to Deliver High-Quality Water

Your Water Quality Is Our Top Priority

Supervising Water Quality Chemist Dawn Sharp and her team of laboratory technicians and chemists are always working to ensure your drinking water meets or surpasses drinking water quality standards. Sharp has served as our laboratory director for the past two years. She and her staff view protecting public health as their top priority.

"The public can ask for results so it's important our testing and monitoring stands up to scrutiny," Sharp explained. "We don't just do something for the sake of routine. Everything has a purpose to ensure the safety of our drinking water."

For water testing, laboratory technicians collect water samples at the treatment plants, at City wells, and at multiple points in the distribution system. After samples are analyzed at the City's state-certified laboratory, Sharp then reviews the results to ensure they meet the standards.

One notable accomplishment for Sharp has been her significant role in maintaining certification for the laboratory in the face of increasingly stringent regulations from the State. Although Sharp brings expertise and resources from her work with previous employers, she says it was her team's enthusiastic response to adopting the regulatory changes that helped them succeed.



Dawn Sharp

CONSIDER EATING YOUR GARDEN

Yes! We mean what we say. With the popularity of edible gardens growing, you should consider planting one of your own. The mild fall weather allows roots to establish ahead of the rainy season. Keep the following in mind for your edible garden:

QUICK TIP
Be sure to replenish your soil's nutrients with compost or mulch



SALAD GREENS

Kale, spinach and chard can thrive during fall growing conditions. Greens need less time to mature, so you can plant them in September. Kale tends to taste better when matured in colder weather so consider giving that a go!



SCALLIONS

These are considered cut-and-come plants, meaning you can trim them and your plant will continue growing. The next time you grab a bunch from the store, consider saving a stalk and planting directly in your garden.



ROOT CROPS

Beets, carrots, radishes and turnips are all best grown in full sun. Soil preparation is key with these types so you may want to do some extra research before including them. Just think, if you plant them in fall, they'll be ready for your holiday feasts!



Water and Money Saving Help Is Here

Sign up for EyeOnWater today (it's free) to track your water use and get notified about leaks and other water wasting issues. This online platform allows you to look for ways to use less water and make informed decisions about water efficiency in your home.

Get started with these steps:

1. Have your billing zip code and account number handy and go to mywater.cityofsacramento.org.
2. Enter your email address and create a password.
3. Verify your information through the confirmation email.
4. Explore EyeOnWater and start saving today!

On a metered rate, you pay a monthly service fee based on the size of your water meter and a charge for the amount of water you actually use (volumetric rate). Metered water bills are typically higher in the summer when landscape watering is higher and lower in the winter when outdoor water use is less.



STORM DRAINAGE SPOTLIGHT

When you think about the potential of flooding in our city, do you automatically think about levee overtopping as the cause?

Strong levees are one important way we protect you from flooding. Our storm drainage system is another. If the drainage system doesn't do its job, stormwater can back up onto streets, into homes and businesses and cause serious damage. There are also health and safety concerns when flooding occurs—people are at risk while driving and staying in their homes.

We are always working on your storm drainage system but it is aging and needs significant upgrades and repairs. You can help prevent localized flooding by:

- Keeping the storm drains clear in your neighborhood.
- Raking leaves and debris out of the gutter.
- Reporting problems to 311 immediately as they happen.

For more information, check out preventstreetflooding.com.



Discover More About Water

Water Discovery Day (Virtual)
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

For more information, visit cityofsacramento.org/Utilities/Water/Water-Discovery-Day.



Flood Preparedness Week

October 17–24, 2020

Look for information and tools to help prepare you and your family for flood events. Be aware. Be prepared. Take action.

Use Less Water With Our Rebates and Free Services

The City of Sacramento offers a number of free services to help you use water more efficiently which may help you save money. Learn more about Water Wise House Calls and rebates by visiting SacWaterWise.com or calling 311 or (916) 264-5011. Rebates include \$1.50/sq foot to take out thirsty lawns and up to \$400 to install smart irrigation controllers.