



We Are Always Working to Deliver High-Quality Water

Your Water Quality Is Our Top Priority

Dawn Sharp and her team of lab techs and chemists are always working to ensure your water meets and exceeds drinking standards. She has served as our supervising water quality chemist for the past two years. She and her staff put 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, lab technicians take water samples at multiple distribution points and at the plant for analysis. Sharp then reviews the results to ensure they meet the standards.

One notable accomplishment for Sharp has been playing a significant role in obtaining an environmental certification for the lab. Although Sharp brought expertise and resources from a previously credited lab, she says it was her team's enthusiastic response to adopting the 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!

Want to Keep Track of Your Water Use?

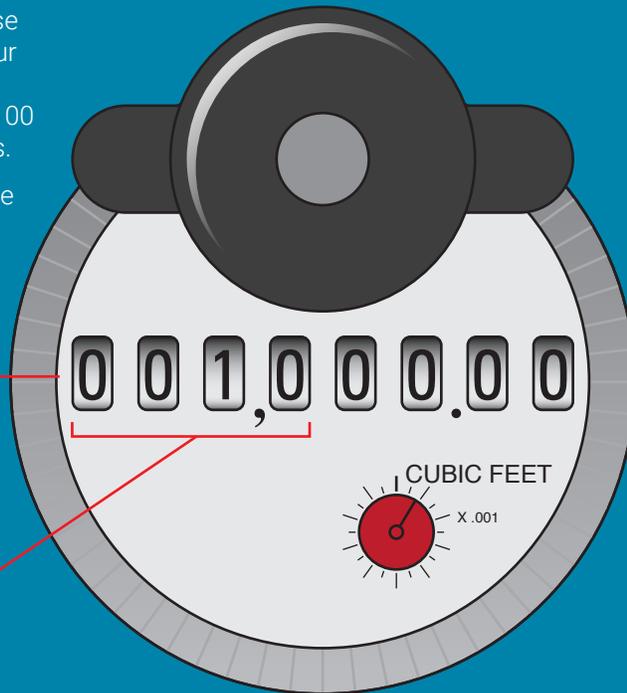
Track your water use by keeping an eye on your water meter and bill!

Track your own water use on the far left side of your meter. They represent whole units. One unit = 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons.

Your use is the difference between the current meter reading and prior meter reading.

How much water you've used. For example, if the left four digits read 0010, you have used 7,480 gallons of water.

Read only these numbers. Read from left to right in units of 100 cubic feet.



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 and lower in the winter.



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 it 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, keeping leaves and debris out of the gutter and reporting problems to 311 immediately as they happen. For more information, check out preventstreetflooding.com.



Water Discovery Day

Discover More About Water

Virtual Water Discovery Day
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Use Less Water with Our 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.



Flood Preparedness Fun Fair

Learn what you need to know to prepare your family for a flood emergency at the City of Sacramento's third annual **Highwater Jamboree**.

Saturday, October 24, 2020
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Miller Regional Park
2701 Marina View Drive
Sacramento, CA