

La Mesa Water Cooperative

WaterGram - April 2017

The Board of Directors invites you to our Annual Meeting

April 27, 2017

7:00 PM

Placitas Public Library

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2016 Drinking Water Quality Report

Each year we are required to provide you with the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), also known as the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. We are required to regularly test our water for the presence of numerous potential contaminants. The results of these tests, and other information on water quality, appear in the yearly Drinking Water Quality Report. You may obtain a copy of the 2016 report at

http://lamesawatercoop.org/misc_files/CCR_2016.pdf

Pilot Tests at Well #3

We began pilot tests of two different arsenic treatment processes on March 13. The purpose of these tests is to determine which treatment process will be the most cost-effective. We expect these tests to take at least 90 days to complete. The large white storage tank at Well #3 is part of the pilot test. It will be removed when the test is completed.

Beginning the Irrigation Season

The irrigation season is almost here. When you start your system please carefully check it for proper operation and leaks. Drip lines are usually located on or slightly below the surface. Because these lines are fragile, they can be easily damaged. They are particularly prone to damage by winter freeze/thaw cycles. These cycles may pop off the emitters, push apart joints or terminals, and split connectors.

Water passes through our soils very rapidly. Recall how quickly puddles disappear after a rain. This means even a large leak may leave only a small damp spot on the surface. Often the only way to find leaks is to walk around your landscaping and carefully search for damp areas. Members with Smart Meters can detect sudden increases in water use by regularly checking their Eye on Water accounts. Undetected leaks and excessive watering are major sources of wasted water and high water bills.

Travel during the Irrigation Season

If you have an automatic irrigation system and will be out of town, it is important to have someone check your property on a regular basis. Many of our most wasteful and costly water losses occur when homeowners are out of town. Homeowners are responsible for the cost of all water delivered to their property.

How Often to Water

The watering recommendations of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo Water Authority, available at <http://www.abcwua.org>, are usually a good guide for our area. It is wise to avoid watering between 10:00 AM and 7 PM or during periods of high wind. Although water needs vary with types of soil and vegetation, during the summer months if you are watering more than 3 times a week or for more than 20 minutes at a time you may be wasting water. Because most of the soils in the Coop do not retain water very well, "deep watering" strategies are often wasteful and ineffective. Overwatering is wasteful, increases your water bill, and does not benefit your plants.

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