

Got Grass, Want Cash?

Replace your grass with low-water using plants, rocks, or synthetic turf and you may be eligible for a \$2.00 per square foot rebate of up to \$1,000. Provide us with before/after pictures and itemized receipts for a check or account credit.

For more information, or to sign-up, call (805) 733-2475 or visit our website at <http://vvcasd.org> and be sure to drop by the office to see our demonstration garden for plant ideas.



System Flushing

The field crew has scheduled the annual flushing of the water distribution system for May 21 through May 25. Annual flushing is a normal and required maintenance activity necessary to remove sedimentation and deposits in the water mains.



Flushing the pipes (primarily through fire hydrants) stirs up sediment and loosens some mineral deposits in the pipes. Normally, this process will not affect most customers; however, in some cases some temporary discoloration of water and some sediment transport can be observed by customers.

There are no health risks associated with the discoloration or sediment, which may last for a day or two. Do not be alarmed if you see these effects and please refrain from washing clothes during this time.

Volunteers Needed for Lead and Copper Testing

Vandenberg Village Community Services District is looking for volunteers, residents of single-family dwellings, for lead and copper testing of their water. This testing is mandated for all water systems by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Please rest assured that the water delivered to your tap is well within Federal and State standards regarding lead and copper. The District does not have any lead service lines or mains. However, there are copper service lines throughout the system and pre-1986 houses were built with lead solder in the plumbing system. Therefore, the EPA is interested in the lead and copper content after the water enters the home and sits for six hours in the pipes to see how much, if any, of the lead from the solder or copper from the pipes leaches into the water.



If you are interested in volunteering, please return the bottom portion of this notice with your payment. If you have questions regarding this testing, or the quality of your water, please call us at (805) 733-2475 or review our Consumer Confidence Report at <http://vvcasd.org/publications/waterqual.htm>.



_____ YES, I am interested in having lead and copper testing done at my residence.

NAME _____

SERVICE ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ YEAR HOUSE WAS BUILT _____

NOTE: If the year your house was built is unknown, please leave blank and we will research this information.

DO YOU USE A WATER SOFTENER? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YES, TYPE OF WATER SOFTENER: _____ EXCHANGE CANISTER _____ SELF-REGENERATING

HAVE YOU REPLACED YOUR PLUMBING FIXTURES RECENTLY? _____ YES _____ NO



COUNTY WIDE INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO UPDATE THE REGION'S IRWM PLAN

Members of the public are invited to take part in a workshop on the update of the Santa Barbara County Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan on Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara. The public hearing will be hosted by the Santa Barbara County Water Agency in both a north and south county location. The north county location is the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 and the south county location is the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 105 E. Anapamu, 4th Floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. The hearing is sponsored by the IRWM Cooperating Partners, comprised of over 25 water agencies, jurisdictions, water and sanitary districts, and non-profit organizations from throughout the county.

The Santa Barbara County IRWM Plan was first drafted in 2007 and is required to be updated in order to qualify for future state grant funding. The existing plan has facilitated the award of over \$28 million dollars to the Region to either wholly or partially fund 21 water supply, water conservation, reclaimed water, wastewater treatment and ecosystem restoration projects.

The intent of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program in Santa Barbara County is to promote and practice integrated regional water management strategies to ensure sustainable water uses, reliable water supplies, better water quality, environmental stewardship, efficient urban development, protection of agricultural and watershed awareness. The IRWM Plan and the IRWM process are the basis upon which funds were awarded through competitive grant processes initiated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) with Proposition 50 monies and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) with Proposition 84 monies.

For more information on the IRWMP and on Proposition 50 and 84 grants which fund the projects, please consult the County's website: <http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/pwwater.aspx?id=16852> or DWR's IRWMP site: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/> or by contacting Matt Naftaly, Water Agency Manager, at (805) 568-3542.