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Outstanding Conservation!

<u>Centerville CSD commends our customers' excellent water conservation efforts!</u> Below is a table showing the District's usage in acre-feet for both 2015 and 2013. As you can see we are meeting the State's requirement of 25% conservation from 2013's usage. We believe our customers have and will continue to put forth their best efforts to achieve the State mandated conservation. Please don't forget that each of our efforts matters!

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
2015	51.1	46.3	74.3	86.8	124.7	158.1	183.1
2013	56.3	63.0	81.6	117.3	201.8	240.1	294.0
Conservation	9%	26%	9%	26%	38%	34%	37%

Average Conservation (Year to Date): 31%

Remember the Mandatory Drought Regulations

As mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board, the Centerville Community Services District holds each of the District's customers accountable to the States' water conservation measures. To avoid a violation please remember the following:

Mandatory Actions:

• **Outdoor watering** shall be limited to the hours of 12 am to 9 am <u>and</u> 6 pm to midnight as follows:

Odd addresses: Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Even addresses: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

 No outdoor watering on Mondays.

Prohibited Actions:

- Using a hose without a shut-off nozzle.
- Applying water for washing down sidewalks, walkways, driveways or parking lots, except as necessary for health and safety.
- Using water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Watering outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff.
 - Watering during or within 48 hours of a rain event.



Remember the drinking fountain, that once ubiquitous and free source of H2O? It seems like a quaint memory now. Today bottled water is everywhere...offices, airplanes, stores, homes and restaurants across the country. It's a refreshing, calorie-free drink which is convenient to carry around, considered to be tastier than some tap water and is a heck of a lot healthier than sugary sodas. But lately, people are beginning to question whether the plastic bottle and its contents are

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safe. Or whether it is safer than their local tap water. Some are also questioning whether the convenience is worth the impacts to the environment.

When thinking about water conservation, we should think deeper than simply conserving at home. We need to consider how much water it takes to produce items we use every day.... like bottled water.

Did you know that it takes three liters of water and one liter of gasoline to produce one bottle of water? When using tap water, this impact is nearly zero. Additionally, 4 out of 5 water bottles never make it into the recycling stream because they end up in our landfills. When you reduce the amount of bottled water you purchase, you have a positive impact on the environment and your finances; not to mention you're also helping to conserve water.

When looking to cut back expenses, ask yourself how much money you spend a month on bottled water. At a whim, many Californians pay \$1.00 or more for a single 20 ounce bottle of water which easily adds up.

Here are the top 5 reasons why choosing tap water is better than buying bottled water:

- Tap water is better for the environment.
- Tap water is just as safe as bottled water. The Safe Drinking Water Act protects tap water by maintaining strict drinking water standards.
- With tap water the source is local. Ours is from the clean waters of Whiskeytown Lake.
- Bottled water doesn't always mean better taste.
- Tap water is much cheaper than bottled water. Typically bottled water is sold for at least \$1 a bottle...even though many are essentially just tap water. Centerville charges .69 cents for 748 gallons. At that price, you could fill a 20 ounce reusable bottle with tap water every day for the next 13 years! That's approximately 4,800 bottles for the price of a single bottle at the local store.

The next time you're on your way out the door, reach for a reusable bottle of water filled from the tap. Save yourself some money, help the environment and also help us all by conserving this precious resource!

Average Water Usage for the month:Compare the usage on your water bill with theaverage of the District.July's Average: 6,800 cubic - feet.How Do You Compare?









Scheduled Board Meetings: The next scheduled Board of Director's Meetings are:

<u>Public Hearing</u>: Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm., at the District Office.

<u>Regular Meeting:</u> Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 pm, at the District Office.

The public is always encouraged to attend.