



### Drought Watch

With the hot summer months just ahead, we want to remind everyone that the City of Oceanside is in a Level 1 Drought Watch during which customers are asked to continue their voluntary efforts to reduce water waste. The rainfall in March and early April has provided some relief, but not nearly enough to make up for the reduced water supply caused by current drought conditions. In response, the Governor issued an Executive Order on April 25 asking all Californians to redouble their drought efforts.

The following are just a few ways Oceanside residents and business owners can increase their drought efforts:

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean paved surfaces.
- Irrigate in the early morning and late evening hours to reduce water waste from evaporation and wind.
- Be mindful of water waste caused by irrigation systems that spray water into the street.

Visit the Green Oceanside website at [www.greenoceanside.org](http://www.greenoceanside.org) for many other water saving opportunities. Download the free Green Oceanside app from the Apple or Android stores to stay informed of all environmental services, programs, events and classes from your mobile device! A direct link to both stores is provided at the Green Oceanside website or search *Green Oceanside* at either store.

### Rebates and Programs

In connection with the San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District, the City of Oceanside offers several water saving rebates and incentives aimed at reducing water waste and offsetting a portion of the cost to update inefficient toilets, appliances, irrigation equipment and even landscape. Coupled with these cost-saving incentives, Oceanside provides several educational and hands-on programs to give our customers the training, tools and support to become more water-wise and help minimize water waste in the home as well as the community. Visit [www.greenoceanside.org](http://www.greenoceanside.org) for more information.

### A Valuable Tool that's Free!

The WaterSmart Checkup is a **free** water-use evaluation conducted by an independent, certified water efficiency professional that will visit your property and walk you through a comprehensive survey that is designed to help you understand how and where your water is being used. They will show you how to determine if you have a leak indoors or outdoors. They will also review your irrigation system to see if it is running properly and whether or not it is appropriately programmed for your specific landscape. You will receive a written report including a list of what was covered in the survey as well as recommendations for what to do and how to do it to become more water efficient. Get a jump on the summer and schedule an evaluation today! Call 866.883.1332 or visit [www.greenoceanside.org](http://www.greenoceanside.org).

