



North County Water Agencies Offers Low-Cost Rain Barrels to Help Customers Save Water

Encinitas, CA—To encourage water conservation as drought conditions persist, Carlsbad Municipal Water District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, San Dieguito Water District, and Santa Fe Irrigation District have partnered to offer discounted rain barrels to area residents this fall. Collecting rainwater for future use not only can save drinking water and money, but also reduces irrigation runoff that can carry pollutants into local waterways and beaches.

Although average rainfall in San Diego County is just under ten inches annually, even light rain can provide a sufficient amount of water for later use. For example, a roof with a 2,000-square-foot surface area can capture 300 gallons from only a quarter inch of rain.

Fifty-gallon barrels are on sale for \$97, with a final cost of \$62 after a \$35 rebate from water wholesaler Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Rebates on rain barrels and other water-saving measures are available at www.socalwatersmart.com.

Rain barrels ordered from October 1 to November 30 will be available for pick up at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation located at 137 North El Camino Real in Encinitas. Visit www.solanacenter.org/rain-barrels for more information and to order rain barrels.

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Carlsbad Municipal Water District’s service area is in northern San Diego County and is about 32 square miles. CMWD serves 82% of the City of Carlsbad (92,000 people) with water, wastewater and recycled water. CMWD buys drinking water from the San Diego County water authority. This water includes desalinated seawater. CMWD currently serves 92,000 people.

Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 87,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

Formed in 1922, San Dieguito Water District is a public agency that provides potable and recycled water to over 5,600 acres and approximately 39,000 customers within the communities of Leucadia, Old Encinitas, Cardiff, and portions of New Encinitas.

Established in 1923, Santa Fe Irrigation District is a special district that provides potable and recycled water service to the city of Solana Beach, and portions of the communities of Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch.

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