

## Fill-up for the school year at an EMWD water bottle fill station located near you!

Schools are back in session and the weather is still warm and dry. Be sure to include your reusable water bottle with this year's back-to-school supplies, and *Tap Into* EMWD's high quality, reliable tap water—for FREE!

EMWD has partnered with other agencies throughout its service area to install water bottle fill stations at more than 75 school campuses, in addition to popular community facilities. The fill stations allow for the easy filling of reusable bottles, helping to keep students hydrated at no cost.

In addition to the benefits of access to clean and safe tap water, the fill stations have also helped reduce more than 1 million disposable plastic bottles from being used.

For more information and to view an interactive map of fill station locations, please visit us at [www.emwd.org/WBFSProgram](http://www.emwd.org/WBFSProgram).



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# The Latest Buzz About eBooks

Parents, students and teachers should “bee” sure to check out EMWD’s latest addition to their education books.

In *“Bee”yond the Water-Wise Garden*, a young girl named Alice is frightened of bees and tries to scare them off by spraying them with water, to the discouragement of her father who works to educate her as to the role bees play and the importance of saving water. That night, Alice has a dream where she is the bee and gains a whole new perspective on the role that bees play in pollination of plants and food crops. She also learns the value of water conservation.



This story is the 18th book to come out of EMWD’s “Write-Off” contest, where

middle school students write and illustrate a book about a water related topic. The program is done in partnership with Rancho California Water District and the books are incorporated into classroom education programs.

To download, please visit [www.emwd.org/eBooks](http://www.emwd.org/eBooks).

## EMWD invites you to an experience that really is *for the birds!*

Starting in October 2018, EMWD will begin hosting its monthly birding tours at the San Jacinto Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility Wetlands. Take a two-hour tour of EMWD’s Wetlands, which feature more than 100 species of birds that call the Wetlands home. The tours will run through April 2019.

Tours are led by experienced local birding guides and begin at 8 a.m. Closed-toed walking shoes are required and guests may bring cameras and viewing devices, such as binoculars.

For 2018-19 tours dates, please visit [www.emwd.org/BirdTours](http://www.emwd.org/BirdTours).



## EMWD expands green energy vehicle fleet



EMWD believes that being a good partner includes working toward reducing its carbon footprint. This year, EMWD is furthering those efforts by adding more alternative fuel vehicles to its fleet.

EMWD recently purchased three new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vactor® trucks to support wastewater collections operations. A Vactor® truck is similar to a giant Shop-Vac® on wheels and is used to clean and maintain the sewer system.

These fleet additions include three heavy duty service trucks, two heavy duty dump trucks and a water tanker. In addition, EMWD is expanding its light duty fleet with three more hybrid vehicles.

As existing fleet vehicles reach the end of their lifespan, EMWD will replace those with alternative fuel vehicles that will help us further reduce our carbon footprint.

**FALL HAS ARRIVED**  
**REDUCE YOUR WATERING DAYS!**

**SHORTER DAYS**  
**COOLER NIGHTS**  
**DORMANT PLANTS**



EMWD reminds customers to be aware of false claims, deceptive sales pitches and other scare tactics used by some water treatment companies to sell expensive and unnecessary water treatment systems. If you have questions about your water quality, please call 951-928-3777, ext. 3327.

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## CII Customers Will Soon See the Effects of Billing Changes

After years of analyzing data and water-use patterns, EMWD is establishing water budgets and tiered rates for additional commercial, industrial and institutional (CII) customers. Water budgets, coupled with tiered rates, are an effective tool for encouraging water use efficiency.

The proposed rate structure is similar to that which has been used for EMWD’s residential and landscape customers for almost a decade. Water budgets for these non-residential customers will be based on industry-standard methodology, which considers factors such as type of business, historical average use and amount of irrigated landscaping.

For billing statements received in January 2019, EMWD will be transitioning the following customer classes to budget-based rates: churches and libraries, mortuaries and cemeteries, office buildings, schools, agriculture-horse farms, looped multi-family, and looped landscape only.

For more information, please visit [www.emwd.org/CIIWaterBudgets](http://www.emwd.org/CIIWaterBudgets).