

Benefits of Recycled Water

As the industry leader in recycled water, Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is proud to offer a cost-effective and drought-resistant water supply for its recycled water customers.

Throughout EMWD's service area, more than 300 customers have taken advantage of the benefits of recycled water. Those customers include agriculture, parks, schools, industry, landscape customers, and environmental enhancement of wetland areas. By doing so, those customers have been at the forefront of promoting water use efficiency and investing in a sustainable resource for their irrigation needs.

EMWD's recycled water is highly treated and disinfected wastewater that is safe for irrigation and other non-drinking water purposes. It has its own distribution system of pipes, storage facilities, and pumping stations.

For the customer, recycled water provides many benefits: it is a drought-proof water supply that is not subject to restrictions during periods of water supply shortages, and is priced lower than drinking water sources. For many organizations—including agricultural customers—the benefits equate to a safe, sustainable, and cost-effective water supply.

Recycled water is safe for use in community parks, schools and recreational facilities. There are more than 80 schools, parks, and other recreational facilities using recycled water within EMWD's service area.

EMWD offers a variety of programs to assist existing, qualified customers in transitioning to recycled water. This includes EMWD's nationally-recognized Accelerated Retrofit Program and recycled water conversions. EMWD also works with land use agencies and developers to identify potential recycled water opportunities—including schools, parks and community landscaping—at the time of development.

For more information about EMWD's Recycled Water Program, please visit emwd.org/Recycled or contact Senior Recycled Water Program Analyst John Wuerth at wuerthj@emwd.org.



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