

## Stay Hydrated on Your Way Back to School

As students and teachers across the region return to school, it's a good time for parents and school staff to make sure that back-to-school supplies include a reusable water bottle.

This fall, EMWD will complete work on installing water bottle fill stations at every school within EMWD's service area that has requested one. Stations allow students and teachers to easily refill water bottles and stay hydrated with chilled, safe and reliable tap water.

EMWD's filling stations are similar to drinking fountains, but include an overhead filling system to quickly fill reusable water bottles. EMWD actively promotes the use of refillable bottles as part of its commitment to the quality of its tap water and to help reduce the amount of plastics within landfills.

**Fun Fact:** Be sure to check out the bottle counter on the fill station to see how many plastic bottles have been saved from waste.

For more program information and an interactive map of EMWD's fill station locations, please visit [www.emwd.org/WBFSProgram](http://www.emwd.org/WBFSProgram).



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# Stay WaterWise and Get Paid to Give Your Grass the Boot

With fall approaching, it is a great time to start a landscape transformation.

EMWD customers are eligible to receive \$2 per square foot of turf grass removed at their residential and commercial properties through the Turf Removal program offered by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

With cooler weather, fall is the perfect time to replace water-needy turf grass with a remodeled landscape featuring climate appropriate plants, mulch and other ground cover that can help save water and money.

EMWD offers a variety of rebate programs to help our customers use less water, including those for weather-based irrigation controllers that automatically adjust watering times based on the daily weather.

For more information on these and other rebate programs, please visit [www.emwd.org/Rebates](http://www.emwd.org/Rebates) or contact our Conservation department at [951-928-3777](tel:951-928-3777), ext. 3322.



## Coming Soon...EMWD Helps You Tap Into Your Usage



EMWD looks forward to launching early next year a new customer portal that will allow customers the opportunity to track and manage water usage. Stay tuned!

# These Tours Are For the Birds

EMWD will begin hosting its free monthly bird walks on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning in October 2019, providing guests an opportunity to view hundreds of native and migratory birds at EMWD's San Jacinto Wetlands.

The two-hour walking tours run between October and April. The Wetlands are located at 770 N. Sanderson Avenue in San Jacinto, California. Closed-toed walking shoes are required and guests are encouraged to bring water, cameras and viewing devices.

Tours are hosted by experienced birding guides and are a fun, family-friendly activity. For more information, please visit [www.emwd.org/BirdTours](http://www.emwd.org/BirdTours) or contact 951-928-3777, ext. 4350.



# EMWD Honored with Achievement in Procurement



EMWD was honored for the sixth consecutive year with the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award by the National Procurement Institute. The award recognizes public agencies that are industry leaders in their processes for purchasing goods and services. This marks the 10th time EMWD has received the award, including annually since 2014.

Among the items EMWD is responsible for purchasing are materials, equipment, fuel, fleet vehicles, chemicals, engineering services, service agreements, company uniforms, and other professional services. These purchases assist EMWD in providing value to customers by providing safe, reliable, economical and environmentally sustainable water, wastewater and recycled water services.

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# Be Prepared, Not Scared

September is National Preparedness Month and EMWD reminds you to make a plan! In an emergency situation, such as an earthquake, flood, or water pipe break, water service may be interrupted for a significant period of time. In these situations, EMWD recommends using only bottled water, boiled water, or disinfected water until regular water service is restored.

Stock a home emergency kit with a minimum three-day supply of water. A typical supply is one gallon of water per person per day.

To prepare and store an emergency supply of water, follow these steps:



### USE TWO-LITER SOFT DRINK/JUICE BOTTLES

These bottles are made from long-lasting plastic and will not impart taste or cause discoloration of water if properly cleaned prior to storage.



### CLEAN & SANITIZE STORAGE CONTAINER

Wash container using mild dish soap. Sanitize using 1-tsp of household chlorine bleach in 1-qt of water. Cover, shake, wait 30 seconds, rinse, and air dry.



### FILL CONTAINER WITH COLD TAP WATER

Fill each container as full as possible. Completely filling each container will minimize surface exposure to trapped air when closing the container.



### SEAL, LABEL & STORE IN COOL, DARK PLACE

Be sure to seal container as tight as possible. Label container with the fill/refill date. Pick a storage place that will be accessible in the event of an emergency.



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