

Information about the use of recycled water:

- *What is tertiary-treated recycled water and is it safe?*

Recycled water is wastewater that has been processed through primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment, and disinfection with ultraviolet light must meet strict standards of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRQB).

- *What can I use recycled water for?*

Based on SWRQB Title 22 requirements, tertiary-treated recycled water can be used to:

- ✓ Water your trees, gardens, vegetables, and lawns; and
- ✓ Wash your car, outdoor furniture and hard surfaces (paths, walls, windows, etc.).

- *What is this recycled water **NOT** suitable for?*

1. Drinking
2. Cooking or use in the kitchen
3. Bathing or showering
4. Filling swimming pools or spas
5. Children's water toys
6. Plumbing it to the household domestic plumbing system

- *Why is recycled water not safe to drink? What happens if I drink it?*

Tertiary-treated recycled water is not approved for drinking. If you accidentally drink recycled water, there is no need to panic. Should you experience any adverse symptoms or feel unwell, consult your doctor.

- *Can I water my plants with recycled water?*

Yes, all plants can be watered with recycled water. This includes edible plants such as fruit trees, vegetables and herbs. Just remember to wash all fruits, vegetables, and herbs with drinking water prior to consumption.

Recycled water tends to have a higher salt content than drinking water. We advise you to direct the recycled water to the roots of the plants and not the foliage. This will protect them from potential leaf burn.

- *Do water-use restrictions (conservation) apply to recycled water?*

No. Water-use restrictions do not apply to recycled water. However, recycled water is a valuable resource and should not be wasted.

- *Who develops the health standards for recycled water?*

Recycled water is strictly monitored to ensure it meets water quality standards set by the State Water Resources Control Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- *How much will recycled water cost me?*

Nothing, it's free.

- *How much recycled water can I pick up at a time?*

Maximum per load is 250 gallons per day.

- *What are the rules and regulations for residential use of recycled water?*

1. Complete the Recycled Water Use Application and Agreement. Obtain SVWD approval.
2. Collection and storage containers shall have SVWD's Recycled Water Notice Stickers placed on them to ensure everyone is aware recycled water is stored in the container and the water is not suitable for human consumption. The stickers are available at the District office and at the Recycled Water Fill Station.
3. Recycled water **must not** be placed in a storage container that is connected to the plumbed landscape irrigation system or the onsite drinking water supply.
4. Recycled water shall not be discharged to the street gutter or storm drain system. If you have leftover recycled water and want to dispose of it, either discharge it to a landscaped area or to the sanitary sewer system via an onsite cleanout.
5. After working with recycled water remember, to apply hand sanitizer or wash hands with soap and domestic drinking water, especially before eating or smoking.
6. **Do not DRINK** recycled water or use it for food preparation.
7. Take precautions to avoid contact with food while using recycled water
8. Wash vegetables with domestic water prior to eating or cooking (the majority of the vegetables in the grocery stores are irrigated with recycled water).
9. No one shall play with or drink recycled water
10. The District may conduct site visits to ensure your proper use of recycled water and to ensure the health and safety of your family and the public.

- *Procedures to Obtain Recycled Water*

1. Complete and submit this application form and agreement.
2. Once your application is received, staff will be in contact with you to schedule you for recycled water use training. The training will cover proper use of recycled water, procedures for collection, and answer any questions you may have.
3. During the training you will also be provided with Recycled Water Notice Stickers to be placed on all containers that will be used to transport and store recycled water.
4. After training is complete and stickers have been installed on the containers, you will be able to pick up recycled water during the designated residential fill-station "open" hours posted on the www.svwd.org website.
5. You are required to enter your name, address, date, time and amount collected on the recycled water residential fill-station log.