

## Las Virgenes - Triunfo Joint Powers Authority

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## Free Recycled Water Available to Customers of Las Virgenes MWD and Triunfo Sanitation District

Water may be picked up at Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CALABASAS, CA August 12, 2015 – Beginning on Saturday, August 22, customers of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) and Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) may fill their own containers with free recycled water at a "Fill Station" at the Rancho Las Virgenes Composting Facility in Calabasas. The water may be used to irrigate trees, shrubs, lawns and gardens.

The program is offered by the Las Virgenes – Triunfo Joint Powers Authority (JPA) as an additional measure to help residents cope with the effects of the prolonged drought.

David W. Pedersen, General Manager and Administering Agent for the JPA said, "We realize many customers have valuable plantings such as trees and ornamental or vegetable gardens that will benefit from some additional water as the drought continues. This program will help by providing water at no cost to customers, complementing the already-successful compost giveaways. With one stop, customers can pick up free recycled water and compost, which both help to reduce demands for potable water"

In order to participate, residential customers of the JPA must first attend a short training on the permitted and prohibited uses of recycled water. Training locations and times will be posted at

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www. LVMWD.com. In addition, they must provide their own sealable containers which will then be labelled for use with recycled water only. There is a limit of 300 gallons per visit to the Fill Station. Tanker trucks and commercial customers are not eligible for this program.

The JPA reminds customers that water is heavy; each gallon weighs 8.3 pounds. Participants need to stay within the load limits of their vehicles and their own ability to unload filled containers. Storage containers should be properly secured to prevent shifting or spills caused by sloshing during transit.

Part of the training given to participants states that recycled water is only approved for irrigation, but includes gardens where food is grown for human consumption. It may not be used in pools or spas, for cleaning, cooking or recreational purposes.

The Rancho Las Virgenes Recycled Water Fill Station is located at 3700 Las Virgenes Road at the intersection with Lost Hills Road in Calabasas. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the same as those for the pickup of Community Compost, which is available at the same location.

The Las Virgenes-Triunfo JPA serves customers in the communities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Oak Park, Westlake Village, North Ranch and surrounding unincorporated areas of Western Los Angeles and Eastern Ventura Counties.