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Monte Vista Water District Recognizes “Fix a Leak Week”

MONTCLAIR, CA Monte Vista Water District joins the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in celebrating Fix a Leak Week, March 16-22, reminding customers to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. Sponsored by EPA’s WaterSense program, Fix a Leak Week encourages Americans to help put a stop to the more than one trillion gallons of water wasted each year.

The District’s Board of Directors adopted Resolution 686-15 in support of the Fix a Leak Week Campaign at their regular Board Meeting on March 11.

“Leaks can account for more than 10,000 gallons of water in an average home every year,” said Board President Sandra Rose. “We are encouraging customers to find and fix leaks to save water in our community, especially as we continue to experience statewide drought conditions.”

Customers who visit the District’s customer service counter this week will receive a free giveaway, a card with attached dye-tablets for use in finding toilet leaks, and a tip sheet on how to fix leaks. They will also receive information about water-saving programs available to them.

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To help save water, Monte Vista Water District and the EPA are asking consumers to check, twist, and replace:

- **Check for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers, and other fixtures. Also check for toilets with silent leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank, waiting 10 minutes, and seeing if color appears in the bowl before you flush. Don't forget to check irrigation systems and spigots too.
- **Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections.** To save water without a noticeable difference in flow in your bathroom, twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator.
- **Replace the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

In many cases, fixture replacement parts pay for themselves quickly and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers or local plumbing professionals. Irrigation professionals certified through a WaterSense labeled program can also check systems for leaks. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.