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1 pm to 5 pm

Christmas is Coming Early!

Centerville will be launching its Customer Web-Portal in December! Soon you will be able to make payments online, manage your account, view your account history, and submit service orders when needed.

So many times we are asked if we accept debit or credit cards and the answer has always been no... Until now! With the new web-portal we will not only have the ability to accept debit or credit payments online but we will also accept **DEBIT and CREDIT card payments by phone and in the office!** Continue to read the monthly newsletter for updated information regarding this exciting new development!

Save a Christmas Tree...Go with E-Billing!



With the US Postal Service moving the processing to Sacramento and mail taking 3-4 days to be delivered, the Board of Directors decided to go green! Unlike regular mail, which can be lost or stolen, e-bill notifications are always secure. If you are interested in receiving your bill via email, either call the District Office or simply check (YES) on the bottom of your bill and write in your email address. It's that simple! The first e-bills will be sent out December 31, 2015. So get your request and information in today! We are going green!

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

Are you excited about the rain and early snow fall? Although the District has done an outstanding job conserving water, we can't help but get excited about the possibility of starting next summer with fuller reservoirs.

As mandated by the State Water Board, the District will be reporting the monthly usage for the months of June thru November as compared to 2013. With November's usage estimated at 72 AF, the District's overall conservation is 32%. Again, thank you for all your efforts. Together we have well surpassed the mandatory 25% conservation!

Water Conservation Update:

Year	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov.
2015	46.3	74.3	86.8	124.7	158.1	183.1	179.8	154.9	132.8	72 *
2013	63.0	81.6	117.3	201.8	240.1	294.0	281.5	212.2	166.6	111.7
Conservation	26%	9%	26%	38%	34%	38%	36%	26%	20%	35% *

* Estimated.

SELECTING AND CARING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS TREE



Whether you are picking out a tree from a local Redding lot, or heading up to the mountains to find that perfect fresh tree, Shasta and Trinity Counties have an abundance of options for you! Visit any local Forest Service office to obtain a permit (\$10 each, limit one per household) and receive a map for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest you'll be exploring. Permits for Lassen County can only be obtained at the Ranger Stations located at 6101 Airport Road in Redding and 14225 Holiday Road in the Mountain Gate area.

Remember...the most important aspect of caring for your Christmas tree is water. This is true for both cut trees and living Christmas trees. Water will not only keep the tree alive but it will also prevent safety issues associated with drying out.

Fresh cut trees will last longer by practicing a few simple guidelines. First, acclimate the tree before bringing it directly into your home. Going from a cold outdoor environment to the heated indoors can cause the tree to stress, resulting in dryness and loss of needles. It's better to set the tree in the garage for a day or two before bringing it inside.

Next, cut about an inch or so off the base. This will help the tree absorb water. Do not cut the tree with a reciprocal saw or any blade that moves so fast that it will create friction. If the cut gets hot enough, the sap in the tree will seal the end and make water absorption nearly impossible.

Depending upon the size, species and location, it may require up to a gallon or more of water within the first few days. Therefore, it's important to check the water level daily.

Finally, make certain your tree is placed in a suitable stand far from any heat source such as a fireplace, heater or stove. It is also a good idea to keep the tree located where it is less likely to be knocked over... such as in a corner. Make sure all the lights and electrical cords are in suitable working condition and remember to turn them off when going to bed at night or leaving for long periods.

Excerpts from Wikihow.com



All fourth graders are eligible for a free Christmas tree permit through the new White House initiative **Every Kid in a Park** ("Every Kid"). "Every Kid" is a nationwide call to action to build the next generation of conservationists. All fourth graders are eligible to receive a pass that allows free access to national parks and federal lands for a full year. In support of this initiative, the Forest Service will give a free Christmas tree permit to every interested fourth-grader with an access pass.

Instructions on how to obtain a pass: Visit the Every Kid in a Park website: <https://everykidinapark.gov/>. Click the button **Get Your Pass**. Once you and your child have answered the questions, you will be prompted to print out the voucher for the pass. Take the voucher to the Forrest Station and they will give you the pass and a free Christmas tree permit.

Redding's Christmas Light Tour

With shows like The Great Christmas Light Fight, people have taken Christmas light displays to an entirely new level. We found a website that insures you will not miss the best light displays in Shasta County. Not only does it provide pictures of each display, it also allows you to plan your route and print a map to the homes you wish to see. Although you can only chose 10 addresses at a time, with a few clicks of the mouse you can route your entire evening. Please check out the **Lights of the Valley** link on our website to plan your personal Christmas Light Tour.

 * **SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:** *
 * The next scheduled Board of Director's Meeting will be *
 * held Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm, at the *
 * District Office. The public is always welcome. *

Average Water Usage for the month:
 Compare the usage on your water bill
 with the average of the District.
 November's Average: 2,000 cubic - feet.