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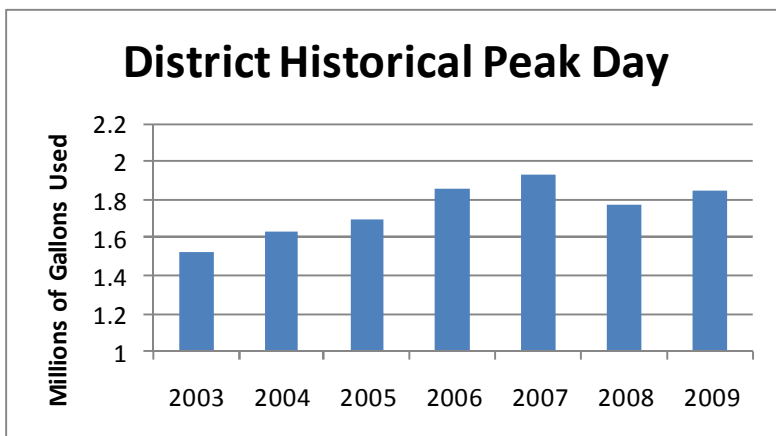
BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
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## Watering Schedule is a Success!

2010 marks the third year that the District has implemented a voluntary watering schedule during the summer months and it is proving to be a successful conservation activity for the District.

In 2007, the District reached a historical peak day record of 1.93 million gallons per day (GPD) and subsequently the watering schedule went into effect the following year. Peak day numbers have reduced and/or leveled off since 2007 despite record low rainfall and high temperatures in 2009.

The goal of the watering schedule is to help reduce stress on water supplies during the warm summer months, when out-



door usage soars. Outdoor water use can account for 30 percent or more of residential water consumption, with most of that going for watering lawns and gardens.

The voluntary watering schedule is implemented county wide by all members of the regional conservation group Whatcom Water Alliance. More information on the watering schedule is detailed below.

## WATERING SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
ODD	No Watering	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN

Effective June 1st through September 15th, the District is implementing its voluntary watering schedule to help manage our water supply during the summer months. Residents with odd numbered street addresses may water on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Residents with even numbered street addresses may water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Mondays are non-watering days to allow the District's reservoirs to recharge after the weekend. For more information visit [www.bbwsd.com](http://www.bbwsd.com) or contact the District at 360-371-7100.



# District Installs a Rain Barrel!

The District recently installed a rain barrel in their demonstration garden at the main office. The intention of the rain barrel is to demonstrate the correct way to connect a rain barrel to a downspout as well as collecting rain to water the plants and hanging baskets in the demonstration garden during the summer. The District welcomes customers to come check out the display and to ask questions! More information is available on the District's website at [www.bbwsd.com](http://www.bbwsd.com) or contact District conservation specialist at [waterconservation@bbwsd.com](mailto:waterconservation@bbwsd.com)



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## Water Conservation Ideas: Drought Tolerant Hanging Baskets

The biggest challenge for growing beautiful hanging baskets is keeping them from drying out. You can economize and create a virtually no-care hanging basket with succulents and other drought resistant plants that also helps to conserve water around the home. Make maintenance a breeze by planting drought-tolerant plants such as hens and chicks, lavender, sedum or other succulents. It is an unconventional and unique take on the traditional hanging basket, but requires next to no watering, even in hot, sunny situations. For more information about creating a drought tolerant hanging basket and a plant list please contact the District at 371-7100 or email [waterconservation@bbwsd.com](mailto:waterconservation@bbwsd.com)



## August is Leak Detection Month



The District would like to remind its customers that August is designated as Leak Detection Month. Leak detection and repair inside the house is often very easy and simple and is a great first step towards creating a water efficient home if checked regularly.

For more useful information on how to identify and repair leaks around the home, visit EPA's WaterSense program at [http://www.epa.gov/watersense/water\\_efficiency/howto.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/water_efficiency/howto.html). The District also encourages customers to locate and read their meters to detect leaks. Information on how to read your meter can be found on the District's website at [www.bbwsd.com](http://www.bbwsd.com) under Customer Service.

## WATERING EXEMPTIONS

The Voluntary Watering Schedule does not apply to the following situations:

- Drip irrigation systems or handheld watering methods
- Limited capabilities with existing older irrigation controller or devices
- Watering of flower and vegetable gardens
- Watering newly planted lawns



## Water Wisely Watering Practices

- GOOD!** Water only on designated days and limit watering to one inch per week
- BETTER!** Water your lawn only when necessary and limit watering to one inch per week.
- BEST!** Let your lawn go dormant during the summer and rely on rainwater only. Dormancy is nature's mechanism for surviving heat and drought. Your lawn will recover with the return of rain and cooler temperatures.

