



# Oildale Mutual Water Company

## NEWSLETTER

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Your Water Company Since 1919

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Due to ongoing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, our office lobby will remain closed until further notice. We will accept payments through our online portal or through our drive-up window. Due to limited staff, we are unable to take payments over the phone.

To pay your bills online, visit our website at [www.oildalewater.com](http://www.oildalewater.com).

Please note, there are currently no third party sites that are authorized to collect payments for Oildale Mutual Water Company. Please ensure you are using [www.oildalewater.com](http://www.oildalewater.com).



The most essential and limited natural resource is clean, fresh water and our customers know that at Oildale Mutual Water Company, water conservation is always one of our top priorities. Since the inception of OMWC in 1919, our company has continued its commitment to providing the best quality water available at the lowest cost to its dedicated stockholders – YOU! Clean water is in high demand and its preservation continues to be threatened. Practicing water conservation in your everyday usage is not only crucial for our community, but also smart for your wallet.

As our population continues to grow, the need to preserve water becomes even more important. The demand for clean water is crucial, not just for household usage but for our local economy. Industries that play a huge role in our county –

such as agriculture, business, and oil and gas – rely heavily on the availability of water.

State officials expressed that 2021 will be a critically dry year for California. Unfortunately, these conditions have cut our water supply in half. The California Department of Water Resources lowered the 2021 State Water Project allocation from 10% to 5%, meaning the California Contractors will receive only 5% of their total water deliveries in 2021. This drastic drop impacts 27 million Californians and 750,000 acres of farmland. As a community we need to conserve water now more than ever.

Water conservation is the practice of using water efficiently to avoid unnecessary water usage. As California faces a

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second consecutive dry year, reducing water usage is essential – especially as we approach the summer! Clean water is a limited resource in the Central Valley, and we have a responsibility to use our water supply wisely as each of us depends on water to sustain life.

Did you know that homeowners use up to 75% of their water supply outdoors? Conserving water in your yard will ensure that there will be enough for you, your family and the whole community to use.

Fortunately, there are endless ways to save water outdoors!

- Water your lawn in the morning or evening. If you water when the sun is high, the water will evaporate quickly, and you'll end up using more to care for your yard.



- Don't be a gutter flooder! Check your sprinklers to make sure you aren't over-watering.
- Don't waste water cleaning the sidewalk or driveway with a hose. Instead, use a broom or blower to keep your yard clean.

- Consider replacing your lawn with drought-friendly plants that require less water. You can also replace your sprinklers with a drip system. By creating a drought-friendly yard, you're conserving water and you'll ultimately save money on your water bill!
- If you have a pool, try using a pool cover. This will ensure the water stays in the pool and doesn't evaporate. That way, you won't have to refill the pool as frequently.
- Inspect your system for leaks and clogged or broken sprinkler heads or drips. Also, check to make sure your sprinklers are spraying on the lawn, not the sidewalks.
- Check your grass before you water. If you step on the lawn and the grass springs back immediately, it has enough moisture and you don't need to water it right away. Check sprinkler valves for leaks.
- Lastly, check your spigot connection for leaks when you use your hose. Even a small leak can add up over time and simply tightening it will save you water in the long run.

**THANK YOU, VALUED STOCKHOLDERS, FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN CONSERVING OUR MOST VALUED RESOURCE.**

## WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!

**OILDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY IS CURRENTLY UPGRADING OLDER SERVICES FOR OUR CUSTOMERS.**

### What does this mean for you?

This means larger rectangular boxes and an easy access shut off valve! These will allow you to shut off your valve in case of emergency with ease. This is a significant improvement for our customers, as some of these services were installed 80 to 100 years ago. Implementing these new services and boxes will help you better protect your home and family.

Please note that meters are **NOT** being installed at the time of the service upgrade and that this will be an ongoing project for the next 4 years. We know this will provide incredible value for our customers, and we're excited to move forward with this upgrade!

