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your zipcode for world class water

Have you checked your *sprinklers* lately?

Give them a tune up! Find out how at www.lbwater.org

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DID YOU KNOW...

In Long Beach, it is *illegal* to use a hose to wash down any hardscapes (patios, sidewalks, etc.) unless you use an approved water-conserving pressurized cleaning device .



Check out www.lbwater.org for more information on these approved devices and other outside water use prohibitions.

OCEAN FRIENDLY

A method of gardening for cleaner waves and coasts

We all use harmful chemicals in and around our homes, but there are safer alternatives. As taken from the Surfrider International website, here are some options to follow that don't pollute our environment:



Surfrider Foundation



Window Cleaner

Make your own by combining 1 cup of vinegar to 1 quart of warm water.



Coffee Grounds and Eggshells

These abundant and often-discarded resources are a good source of nitrogen and can be used as light mulch and added to any garden.

Lemons

Lemons can be utilized in different ways. Did you know you can use the juice to clean dirty grout? Simply squeeze the juice over the grout, let sit for a short time and then wipe off. The remaining rinds can be cut into small pieces and ground in the garbage disposal for a fresh scent.

Then & Now

LAKE OROVILLE

Photos Courtesy of California Department of Water Resources



2005



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YOUR HOSE IS CONNECTED TO THIS RESERVOIR

Google: Lake Oroville, Water Supply, California Drought, California Water

Google: Ocean Friendly Gardens, Surfrider Foundation

Plant of the Month



Salvia leucantha (Santa Barbara)

(Santa Barbara Sage) - A quick growing shrub that can reach 2-3 feet tall by 4-6 feet wide. The leaves are gray-green, narrow and long; the flowers are composed of velvety purple calyces flowers with an extended rose-lavender. The peak bloom period is spring through early fall. Like other Mexican sage this plant likes full sun to light shade and is moderately drought tolerant. In our coastal gardens where this plant is evergreen it should be cut back annually in early spring to maintain best appearance.

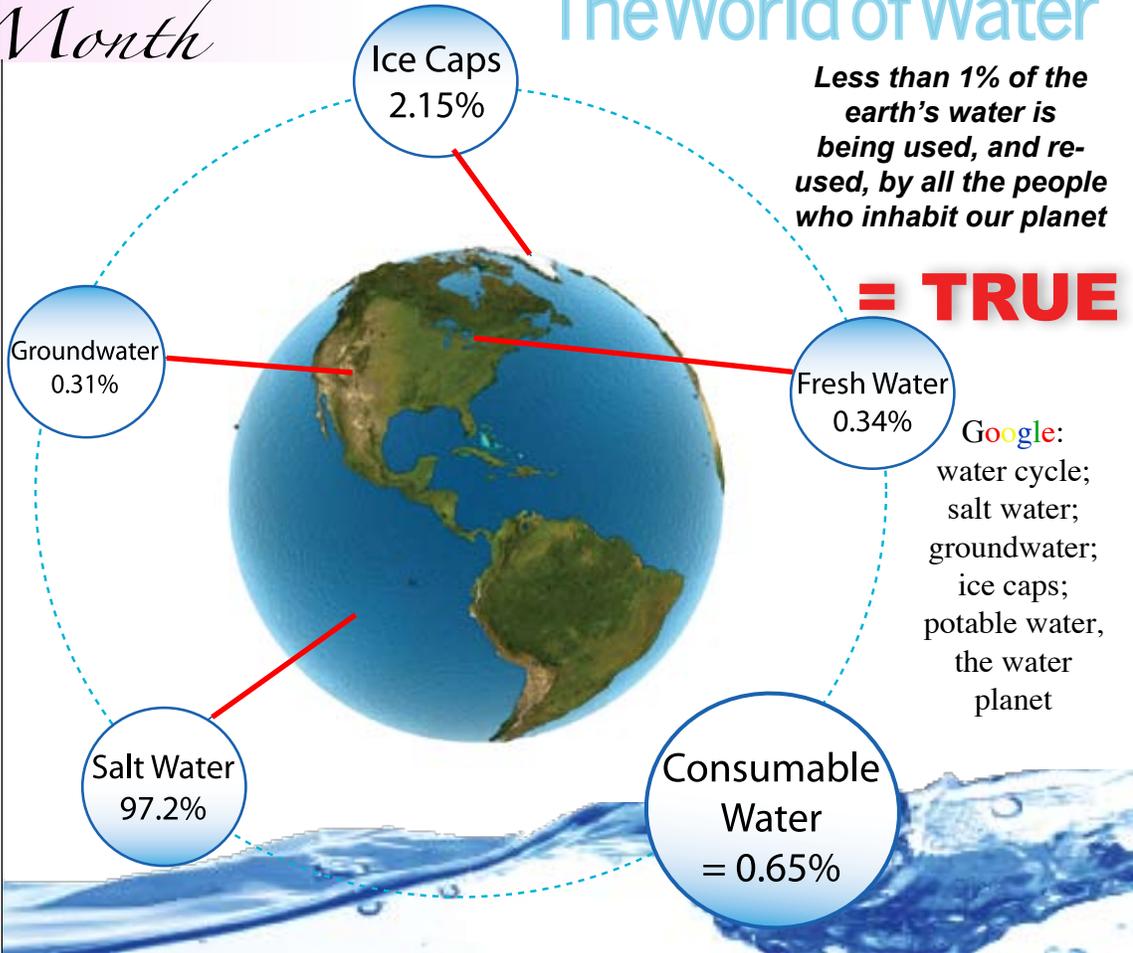
TIP:

This plant can be purchased at most garden stores. The prices run around \$5.99 for a one gallon to \$20 for a 5 gallon. For more information, go to www.lbwater.org.

The World of Water

Less than 1% of the earth's water is being used, and re-used, by all the people who inhabit our planet

= TRUE



Google: water cycle; salt water; groundwater; ice caps; potable water, the water planet

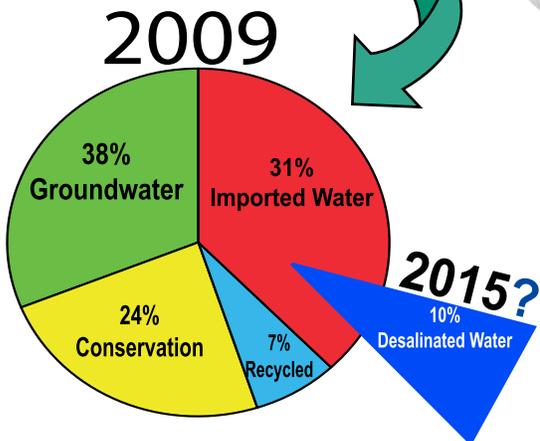
PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS **ALERT**



Many household products contain toxins. Even though your water is treated for pollutants and harmful chemicals, it's important to remind everyone that using the toilet to discard of items such as medicines, household cleaners, makeup, and nail polish (just to name a few) can have a negative impact on our potable water supply. This is just a short list of items that should **NOT** be flushed down the toilet or put down the drain.

(Google: what not to put down the drain)

THE LONG BEACH WATER SUPPLY PORTFOLIO



The Long Beach Water Department is increasing the use of recycled water throughout the city; we're continuing to be the standard in water conservation; and, establish seawater desalination as a reliable source of water for the city, thereby reducing our dependence on increasingly unreliable imported supplies.

FACT:

If not for conservation and recycling, Long Beach would need 50% more imported water.

SNAPSHOTS



Find us at:

the Water Department maintains:

902
miles of water pipeline

765
miles of sewer pipeline

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state-of-the-art
water quality laboratories