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YOUR SPRINKLERS ARE CONNECTED TO THIS RESERVOIR

LAKE OROVILLE, THEN, AND NOW. A MAJOR SUPPLY OF WATER FOR LONG BEACH MAY 2009



2005



2009

Google: Lake Oroville; California water supply

WATER EFFICIENT *Plant of the Month*

Pork and Beans
(Sedum rubrotinctum)

This is a moderate-growing ground cover that is water efficient and grows less than 1' tall. It is perfect for full sun or partial shade areas such as parkways, rock gardens or as an accent to flower beds. Depending on where it's planted, the leaves will either stay green (shade) or have a combination of green with brownish/bronze (full sun). Small yellow flowers bloom during spring and summer.

This plant is widely available and is usually sold by the flat. Each flat will plant anywhere from 26' to 36', depending on the plant placement (6"- 8"). A flat runs around \$15 plus tax.



Did you know that **50 to 70%** of the water you use is used for landscaping?
Free Water Efficient Landscape Classes at www.lbwater.org
plant catalogs, landscape templates, hot tips and much, much more...

DID YOU KNOW...

In Long Beach, it is *illegal* to over-water your landscape to the point of causing significant run-off.

Check out all the other illegal uses of water at www.lbwater.org



WHERE DOES YOUR WATER COME FROM?

OUR IMPORTED WATER SOURCES

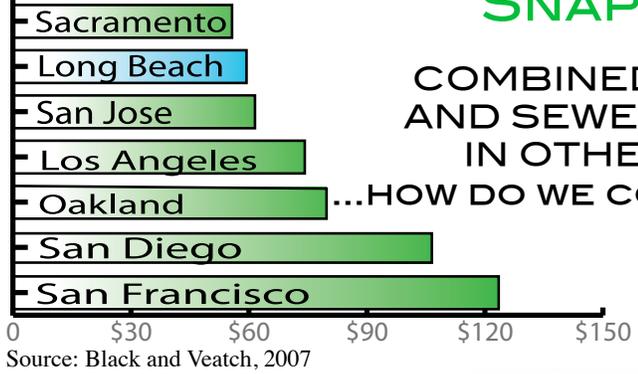
Half of Long Beach's supply of water is imported from long distances, from sources that are becoming increasingly unreliable.

Google: CA imported water; water and energy



SNAPSHOTS

COMBINED WATER AND SEWER RATES IN OTHER CITIES ...HOW DO WE COMPARE?



OF WATER DEPT. EMPLOYEES



IF YOU COULD DO ONE THING TO REDUCE THE WATER YOU USE OUTSIDE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Check out our website to see the full interview

Native Plant Expert

“Put in a more efficient sprinkler system. One of the biggest problems, causing about 40% of the water that is wasted, is older sprinkler systems that aren't upgraded or maintained. Automatic systems are the only way to go. I also recommend that people use percentage timers. With these you don't have to keep changing the times of the day, you just change the percentage. How this works is you set it up for 100% in the summer and then when winter comes you cut it back to 30-40%. Efficient sprinkler systems should be a priority at your home”

By using Long Beach Water's **E-WATERING update**, you can stay up-to-date on the percentage your sprinkler systems should be set at. It's easy. Sign up now at www.lbwater.org.

Jim Scarborough
H and H Nursery



Google: Ocean Friendly Gardens, Surfrider Foundation

Is your yard Ocean Friendly? It can be if you follow the CPR (conservation, permeability, and retention) steps below:

Conservation



Select and plant California friendly plants. They use less water and adapt better to the climate.

Permeability



Use pavers instead of concrete. They spread water over a greater area, reducing run-off.

Retention



Create areas that allow water to naturally filter, instead of running into the street and storm drain.

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There are several ways to interact with us...give us an idea, ask a question, watch our favorite videos...even post one yourself...**24/7**.

You can find these links on our website at www.lbwater.org

Pollution Prevention & Water Conservation

LIVE CHAT

562.570.2300 - Long Beach Water HQ
562.570.5700 - Billing Issues/Questions
562.570.2390 - Water Emergency
888.376.3314 - Rebate Information/Hotline

NOT SO LIVE CHAT

562.570.2455 - Water Waster Hotline

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