

# LAKEWOOD

News from the  
City of Lakewood

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Water conservation...is your home water tight?  
Connect with your city and get help 24/7...by computer or phone.  
Meals on Wheels...one way you can help your community.

## Briefs

### Saving H<sub>2</sub>O

### It's up to us!

Lots of water goes down the drain because of perceptions that water is plentiful and cheap--certainly not the case. Become conscious of the amount of water you use, and look for ways to use less whenever you can. You'll be helping your city, your environment...and your pocketbook!

Here are some tips on how to conserve water.

**1. Attend a 'Smart Gardening' class.** They're offered throughout the county. Most are free. Classes cover ways to get a great looking yard while using less water and energy and wasting fewer resources. Basic and advanced workshops cover composting, landscape design, organic gardening, landscaping with native plants, and installing a water-efficient irrigation system. You can find class schedules at [www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg](http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/sg) or by calling 888-CLEAN LA.

**2. Make your lawn a water miser.** The average homeowner uses more than four times the amount of water needed to keep a lawn healthy and green. Before you water, step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Reset sprinkler timers to water every third day and for fewer minutes. Result: Savings from 750 to 1,500 gallons per month.

**3. Use a broom instead of a hose** to clean driveways and sidewalks. Adjust sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden - and only there. Result: Savings of 600 gallons a month.

**4. Run only full loads, and set the water level for the size of load you are using.** More than 10 percent of water used in the home is for washing clothes and dishes. Result: Savings of 300 to 800 gallons per month.

**5. Use a low-flow showerhead and take shorter showers.** Every minute of your shower uses 2.5 gallons of

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Thousands of Lakewood residents stay connected to their city each week through Lakewood Connect's eSubscriptions, personal service accounts, and online tools. Every week, the Lakewood Connect team updates the Lakewood Online website and e-mails a free eMagazine to more than 13,000 subscribers.

eMagazine subscribers get the latest Lakewood news, complete listings of city-sponsored activities and events, next-day summaries of city council meetings, and highlights of virtually everything that's new at Lakewood Online.

Hit the "Subscribe" button and give it a try at [www.lakewood-city.org/emagazines](http://www.lakewood-city.org/emagazines).

Lakewood Connect is also a one-stop, one-click portal for making online service requests at [www.lakewoodcity.org/contact-us](http://www.lakewoodcity.org/contact-us). The "Contact Us" button lets the visitor fill out an online form monitored by service staff during business hours. Or, simply e-mail us at [service1@lakewoodcity.org](mailto:service1@lakewoodcity.org).

Personal service accounts can also be created that allow residents to submit a request and then log back in and check on their request's status - similar to tracking a package. Click "About Accounts" to learn more.

Links to request RV/trailer parking permits, eCatalog recreation signups, and search tools like the Lakewood Service Guide or a collection of essential city documents are also featured.

Prefer to speak to a city staff member? Lakewood's customer service team can be reached at 562-866-9771, extension 2140. They are available during normal business hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on alternate Fridays. City hall is closed every other Friday.

After-hours service requests can be made using CityLine - 562-925-4357. Fol-

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water. A low-flow showerhead only costs \$10.00 but will save 50 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower. Most models have a shut off valve that also saves water by stopping the water while you lather up. Result: Savings up to 700 gallons a month.

**6. Repair leaks.** If a faucet drips at a rate of just one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons of water per year. Result: Savings of 20 gallons per day for every leak stopped. As an extra saving step, retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors to slow the flow of water.

**Get connected**

low the recorded instructions to leave a message. We'll retrieve it on our next business day.

Emergency service requests made after normal business hours or on a closed Friday should use 562-866-9771 and use the city's paging service. A city crew member will return your call. Remember that for a fire, medical, or law enforcement emergency, always call 911.

There are many ways to learn more about Lakewood at [www.lakewoodcity.org/findoutmore](http://www.lakewoodcity.org/findoutmore).

# Meals on Wheels

## One way you can give back to your community

Lakewood Meals on Wheels delivers a hot, noon meal and sack dinner to each client. Meals on Wheels makes it possible for Lakewood residents who can no longer cook for themselves to remain in their homes and their familiar community.

Meals on Wheels always needs more volunteers. Volunteers can range in age from teens to seniors, and they help with everything from driving and delivering meals to making sandwiches and packaging the meals. So you don't have to drive to help out. Volunteers are needed for as little as two hours for one day a week between Monday and Friday, or on a



substitute basis.

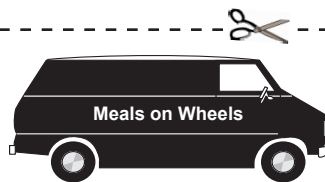
"A lot of middle and high school students volunteer during the summer," says Rosemarie Shepperson, Volunteer Coordinator for Lakewood Meals on Wheels. "The students often remind our clients of their grandchildren. And the students learn a lot from talking with our clients. It allows students to fulfill their commu-

nity service requirements for school too. So it's a win-win program for everyone."

You can help financially too. Lakewood Meals on Wheels is a non-profit, community agency sponsored by many private contributors and the Lakewood/Long Beach Soroptimist Club, Project Shepherd, and the City of Lakewood. Contributions are tax deductible. To learn more about donat-

ing, volunteering, or becoming a client, call Lakewood Meals on Wheels at 562-925-8747.

**Are you using the right envelope? Use the large, white envelope to pay your bill. That way, your payment will go directly to the city's payment processing center. To volunteer or donate to Meals on Wheels, please use the small, colored envelope.**



Meals on Wheels is a volunteer, non-profit community organization that aids the elderly and homebound with nutritious meals. Meals on Wheels needs your help as a volunteer or with a cash donation.

Please fill out, stamp, and return this card. Or call 925-8747 for more information. Your donation is tax deductible: 501 (c) (3) ID #95-2929207. State ID #0990353.

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer. Please call me.

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**Please make your donation with a separate check payable to Meals on Wheels (and mail in the Meals on Wheels envelope).**

