





NEWS SPRING 2018

# Liberty Days: **Local and Responsive. We Care.**

At **Liberty Utilities**, we live out our commitment to being local, responsive, & caring. We participated in Read Across America, an annual reading motivation and awareness program calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Liberty Utilities, festively dressed up and read the Lorax at New River Elementary for Read Across America to emphasize taking care of our environment. Students were educated on Liberty Utilities' -responsibilities as a water provider and were encouraged to conserve water. As you can see from the photos, a fun day was had for all.









### INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITIES



We love helping our customers! If you have an event or meeting that you'd like Liberty Utilities to participate in, please contact Alison Vai, Alison.Vai@libertyutilities.com. \*must be in our service area.

On February 6, Liberty Utilities presented to the Neighborhood Watch committee in Bellflower about:

- Tips to conserve water,
- How to read your bill, &
- Answered questions from residents.









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## Liberty Utilities' Opens a Water Well with Councilwoman Zurita in Compton



**Liberty Utilities** held a ribbon cutting ceremony with Councilwoman Janna Zurita to celebrate the completion of Well 12C for the citizens of Compton.

The new Well, which is expected to produce up to 2,500 gallons of groundwater per minute, will reduce dependency on purchased

water. Purchased water is more costly for residents, whereas groundwater increases the water supply reliability. Additionally, groundwater is controlled locally, thereby limiting the amount of involvement by outside agencies, thus making groundwater a preferred source. Recent regulations and legislative developments makes importing water unreliable and increasingly expensive. Liberty Utilities also improved the curb appeal of the station by matching the surrounding community through the use of landscaping with low-water-use plants and installing gravel to eliminate weeds.

## **SPRING Water Savings Tips**

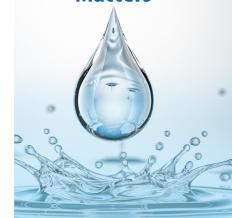
Dry periods have occurred throughout California for more than a decade, with significant historical droughts. Given California's history, and a dry winter this year, it is important that we continue our conservation practices. Spring is a great time to prepare by taking advantage of the good weather and

any rainfall we may get. This time of year is great for planting, catching rainfall for later use, and for setting the stage for how you'll continue to be a water steward throughout the summer months, drought or no drought. In the springtime, make sure that any rain barrels or cisterns are well-sealed so that water reserves are not lost to evaporation in the coming hot months. Also, prepare drought-tolerant plants by laying down

mulch and installing proper irrigation so they can sustain the heat. It's a great time to make sure you're irrigating in a smart way. You can do this by installing drip irrigation, invest in a weather-based irrigation controller, high efficiency sprinkler nozzles, or if you water with a hose you can install an efficient hose nozzle and timer. We offer efficient hose nozzles and timers free of charge, and rebates are available for sprinkler nozzles and irrigation controllers.

We have a water saving tip every Tuesday on our Facebook and Twitter for **#TipTuesday**. Be sure to like us or follow us for Sarah's expert advice, our water conservation expert.

#### Infrastructure Matters



Liberty Utilities diligently maintains the water system today to protect service for current and future generations. Deferring maintenance can undermine the reliability of the system over time and lead to unplanned disruptions from line breaks, which are more costly than planned replacements.

Liberty Utilities has proposed to invest nearly \$38 million for infrastructure improvements from 2018-2020. This includes

replacing 8.4 miles of aging water main to improve system reliability

Construction of a reservoir/booster pump station

Drilling and equipping two ground water wells

Installing 246 fire hydrants

Replace/install 1,060 service connections throughout the system to minimize leaks and water loss

Outfit and replace 168 water system valves