



Don Your Detective Hat During Fix a Leak Week

The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year from easy-to-fix water leaks, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). If that doesn't seem like a lot, consider that across the country, household leaks can add up to more than 1 trillion gallons of water every year, equal to the annual water use of more than 11 million homes.

That's why we're joining with the EPA to encourage our customers to find and fix leaks during the annual Fix a Leak Week, March 13th-19th. Fixing leaks not only saves water, but also reduces your water bill. It's a win-win! Go to medfordwater.org/leaks to learn how.

We're here for you:

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

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CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS CREATE ARTFUL APPRECIATION OF WATER

In late 2022, Medford Water sponsored a calendar contest for students in the Medford School District and White City, to pique an interest in water conservation in the everyday lives of students in grade school. Starting with the 4th grade students, we prompted them to think about what water means to them and why it is important to conserve, and to create an illustration based on this idea.

The top 12 submissions were selected to be published in a 2023 calendar, and of those, the top 3 submissions also received some great prizes: first place winner received a pizza party for their class sponsored by Jackson Creek Pizza, as well as an electric scooter! The second-place winner received a drone, and the third-place winner received a mini fridge all sponsored by Medford Water. Prizes were awarded in December 2022, and the calendars were presented to the winners and the participating classes in January.

All of the students that participated drew amazing works of art, and it was a challenge for the Medford Water team to make the selections for the calendar and determine the top three winners. This has been an inspiring event and we look forward to continuing this contest in the years to come. Thank you to all the participating teachers, students, and vendors that made the first annual Medford Water Calendar Contest possible. We are proud to serve a community that values water in many ways.

See all of these beautiful creations in full color on our website; go to medfordwater.org/calendar.



1st

First Place - "Be You"

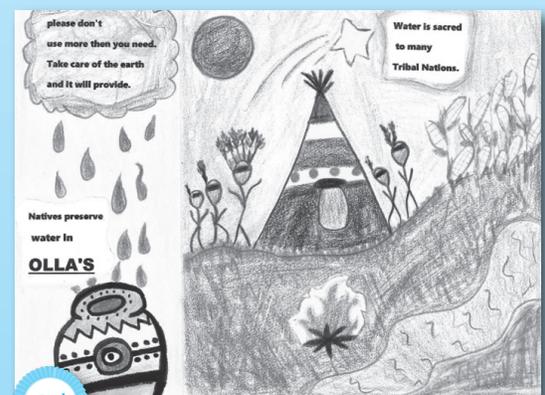
Ellie, Griffin Creek Elementary



2nd

Second Place - "Chameleon"

Addysen, Griffin Creek Elementary



3rd

Third Place - "Sacred Water"

Adikus, Jefferson Elementary



FEBRUARY WATER WISE TIP

Spring Cleaning Helps Mitigate Summer Watering

Get the most out of your watering this summer season by doing some spring cleaning! Spring is approaching, and it's the perfect time to prepare your landscape by taking care of a few important maintenance items that can aid in your



landscape's ability to hold water.

Aerating, amending soil, adding mulch and dethatching will sustain healthy soils that cycle nutrients, minimize runoff, and retain water. So when the time finally comes to start up your sprinkler system later in the year, these simple steps will help you get the most out of the water that you use.



ADD CHARACTER AND SAVE MONEY WITH LAWN REPLACEMENT

If you've been considering replacing your lawn with waterwise landscaping, Medford Water has launched a Lawn Replacement Rebate program to help customers replace thirsty green lawns.

There are many colorful waterwise, firewise, and pollinator plants to choose from; add character to your landscape this summer and save water *and* money while you're at it.

For inspiration on how to create a landscape that is healthy, attractive and uses less water, visit our waterwise landscaping website at medford.watersmartgardening.com,

and for rebate program rules, visit medfordwater.org/rebates.

Medford Water also offers several additional resources to assist you in managing your landscape and irrigation system, including smart controller rebates, watering guides, and irrigation troubleshooting.

View the Conservation tab on our website to see an overview of our water efficiency programs, or contact the team at conserve@medfordwater.org or 541-774-2436 to see how much you can save!



ONGOING WATER PROJECT UPDATES

Medford Water is hard at work, creating a water system that is more resilient to earthquakes, drought, and climate change, and ready to serve our region into our second hundred years. To accomplish this, we have several ongoing projects that may impact your neighborhood. For information and to sign up for updates, please go to the project webpage.

Academy Place Waterline Relocation
Relocating old waterlines from the alleys of the Academy Place neighborhood in coordination with a City of Medford sewer mains replacement project.

Medford Water has met with affected property owners to discuss the new location of their private service lines and placement of the new water meters; the project is on schedule for construction this summer.

medfordwater.org/academyplace

Capital Hill Reservoir Replacement
Replacing the reservoirs at our Capital Hill facility—the hub of our system—by 2030, for increased resiliency and efficiency.

Interviews of adjacent property owners are taking place to learn how we can reduce construction impacts and design the project to not just safeguard our water supply, but also to make the neighborhood a better place.

medfordwater.org/capitalhill

Rogue Valley Water Supply Resiliency Program

The Rogue Valley Water Supply Resiliency Program will use federal loan funds to complete over \$200 million in improvements over the next ten years.

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Medford Water

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