

The Newsletter of PureSource Water, Inc.

Serving Redwood Drive, Pacific Heights Drive, and Forest Park Lane

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## Quick Notes:

- Question about your bill?  
Email us: [Accounts@psh2o.com](mailto:Accounts@psh2o.com)
- Moving? Selling?  
Be sure to let us know!
- Are you struggling to pay your bill?  
Contact Us! Help is available.
- Payments are due by the 20th of each month and are subject to a late fee if not paid on time.
- You can always drop your payment in the green drop box, located next to the mailboxes beside 2255 Redwood Drive.

**Did you update your payment amount?  
CPUC fee changed with January service.  
Check your billing statement**

## IT HAS BEEN A BUSY WINTER

### Tank Repairs

On the hill above the neighborhood, PureSource has two large water tanks. One tank was installed only about 13 years ago, but the second tank is more than 40 years old. While that tank is still functional, it was due for some maintenance and repair work. This work is best done in the winter when water use and fire danger are lower, so the tank was taken offline and the contractor started the work. Rainy weather meant the work crew had to pull off the project. The work is now scheduled to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

What you need to know... As was explained in the notice that was sent out in January, light chlorination of the tanks is necessary before placing the repaired tank back online.

Over the next couple weeks or so, you may or may not notice a slight taste or odor of chlorine in your drinking water. The level of chlorination is small and may not be noticeable. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

## Storm Stuff

In winter storms, it is common to lose power, cell service, and/or land line phone service, but your water service stays consistent during power outages. Our system does not rely on pumps to get the water to your home. Instead, it is a gravity feed system where the water flows from the tanks on the hill, down to your home. While power outages do affect the ability to run the pumps that send water up to the tanks, the large amount of storage in those tanks means we can provide water for about a week, or longer with your help. Limiting your water usage during power outages will extend the length of time that water is available. Of course in the event of a truly extended power outage, generators would run the wells, but typically that is not necessary for PureSource. We are always committed to providing you with safe, reliable drinking water, and the layout of the system supports that goal.



**A Special Thank You!** There are many things to take care of before and after storms, both to prevent issues and to clean up afterward. A special thank you to neighbors Jim Murphy, Becky and Dave Steinbruner, Ernie White, & many more of you for going the extra mile for the community.

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## Storm Stuff (continued)

Power outages can also affect other parts of the water system. For example, after the most recent power outage, the control equipment for one of the wells failed. Fortunately we were able to get that replaced in a relatively short period of time, but that type of event is just one more reason to conserve water use during a power outage.

As always, Conservation is a California Way of Life, whether there seems to be plenty of water or not. Thank you for doing your part!

## AND AFTER THE STORMS... Springtime Gardening

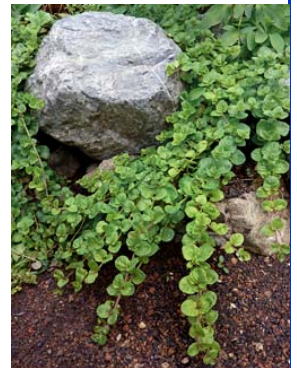
When choosing plants for your yard, think native plants. Native plants are always a good choice for gardens because they have evolved to thrive in our climate without a whole lot of extra work. This means they need less, or no water. They like the summer heat and winter wet and even the foggy days, and they tend to be deer resistant as well.

Here are four good choices for our neighborhood.



**1. Western Sword Fern (*Polystichum Munitum*):** Found in the redwood forests, western sword ferns will grow well in the shadier parts of your yard and will hold up well through hot, dry weather. They are robust and tolerate poor soil very well. Plant them around the border of your yard as a nice backdrop to flowering plants. They are very easy to maintain, just trim off the oldest fronds each spring.

**2. Yerba Buena (*Satureja Douglasii*):** This lush, flat, shade loving, evergreen groundcover is a hardy native to our area, growing in sandy or clay soil. It can spread to 6' across, is non-invasive, and is wonderful trailing over a shady wall. It has rich, green, scalloped leaves and little white to purple flowers that appear Summer thru Fall.



**3. Modesty (*Whipplea Modesta*):** This nice native is a trailing perennial that makes a lovely groundcover in any redwood forest garden. This plant is useful as a soil stabilizer and does well planted on shaded slopes. It is a slightly woody, low growing plant with branches tipped with a puff of tiny, white flowers.

**4. Sticky Monkey Flower (*Mimulus Aurantiacus*):** This is a shrubby, native flowering plant that grows well without much water. It prefers some sun, so if you are lucky enough to have a sunny part of your yard, then this plant would make a nice addition to your garden. The most common of Sticky Monkey Flowers found in our area have flowers the color of apricots, but you can find pale yellow, bright yellow, and red varieties in local nurseries as well.

