



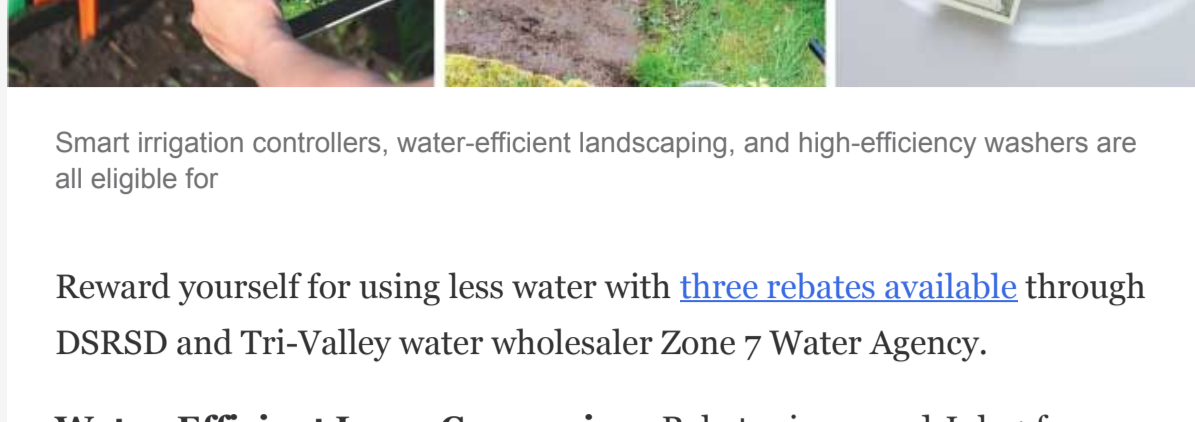
## DSRSD Pipeline

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Happy Labor Day and a big thank you to all the essential public workers!

### Save Water = Save \$!



Smart irrigation controllers, water-efficient landscaping, and high-efficiency washers are all eligible for

Reward yourself for using less water with [three rebates available](#) through DSRSD and Tri-Valley water wholesaler Zone 7 Water Agency.

**Water-Efficient Lawn Conversion:** Rebates increased July 1 from \$750 to up to \$2,000 for eligible single-family home lawn conversions to water-efficient landscaping.

**High-Efficiency Clothes Washers:** ENERGY STAR Most Efficient washers may be eligible for the increased rebate amount—from \$75 now up to \$200. These use about 33% less water than regular washers!

**Smart Irrigation:** Weather-based irrigation controllers respond to actual soil conditions and can reduce your water use outside. Rebates of up to \$75 are available on qualifying models for single-family homes.

**Why it matters:** The District is currently asking customers to reduce water use by 15% compared to 2020.

### Take Control of Your Water Use



When you sign up for AquaHawk, this is a postcard you can receive in the mail if your water use is unusually high, indicating a possible leak. Customers with smartphones can sign up for real-time alerts via text or email.

To track your hourly water use, [sign up for AquaHawk](#).

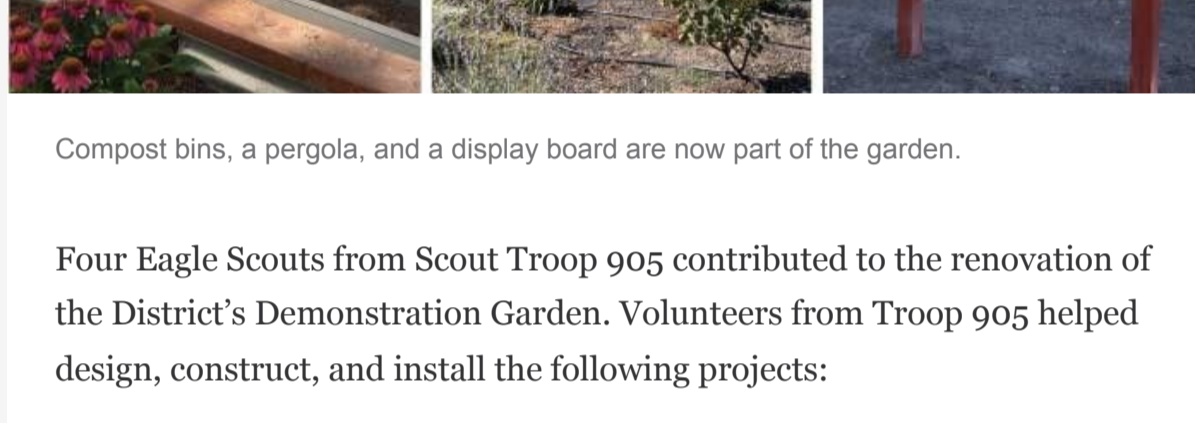
**Why it matters:** You can set up ALERTS to be notified via personalized text or email when you are close to using a certain level of water, or when your bill reaches a certain amount.

**The bottom line:** This application is great to help you identify leaks. If AquaHawk shows continuous water use every hour without a break, odds are good you have a leak.

**Big picture:** Water bills arrive every two months, but with AquaHawk, you do not have to wait to see how much water you're using.

**Our thought bubble:** Join the 70% of DSRSD customers already tracking their water use.

### Eagle Scouts Enhance Demonstration Garden



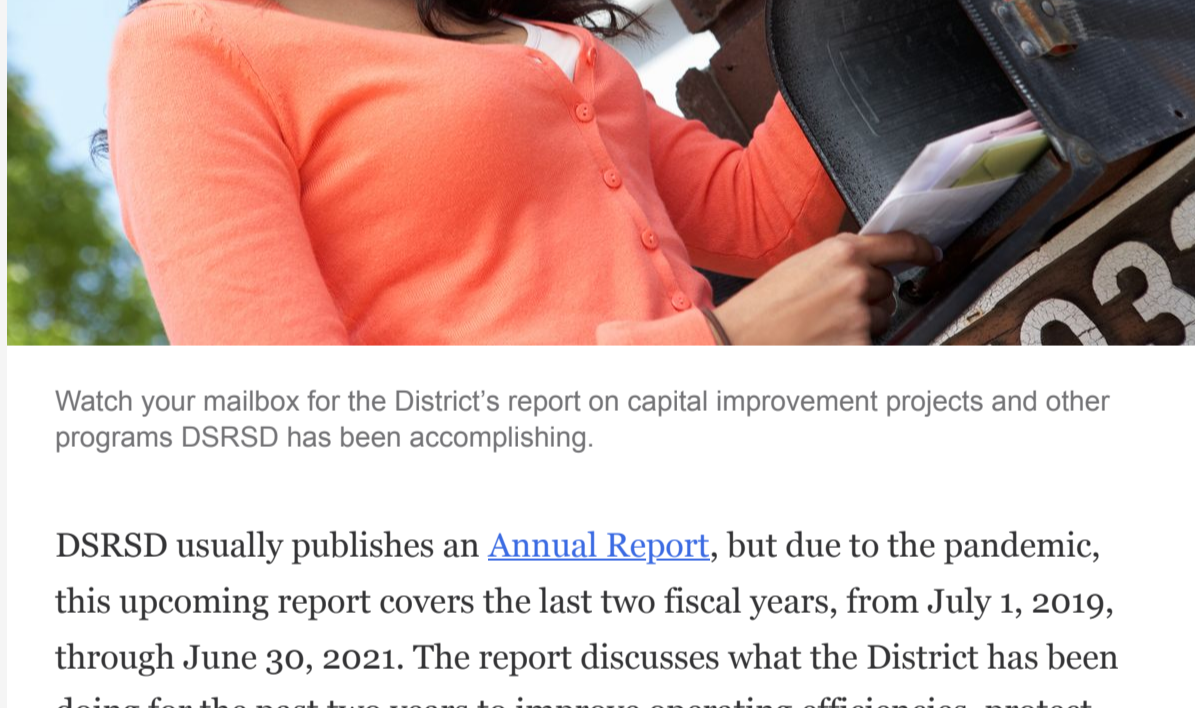
Compost bins, a pergola, and a display board are now part of the garden.

Four Eagle Scouts from Scout Troop 905 contributed to the renovation of the District's Demonstration Garden. Volunteers from Troop 905 helped design, construct, and install the following projects:

- An 8-foot-by-6-foot redwood pergola for the succulent area, under the leadership of Eagle Scout Elijah Hunt
- Three compost bins for the employee garden area, under the leadership of Eagle Scout Rohan Krishnamoorthi
- Paver floor for the pergola, under the leadership of Eagle Scout Sidharth Anand
- A 4-foot-by-3-foot display board in the front area of the garden, under the leadership of Eagle Scout Arsh Goyal.

**Why it matters:** Since 1992, Troop 905 has leased space in the District's utility building to store their meeting materials and camping gear. The District is happy to work with Scouts on these projects.

### DSRSD's Biennial Report Coming Via Mail Soon

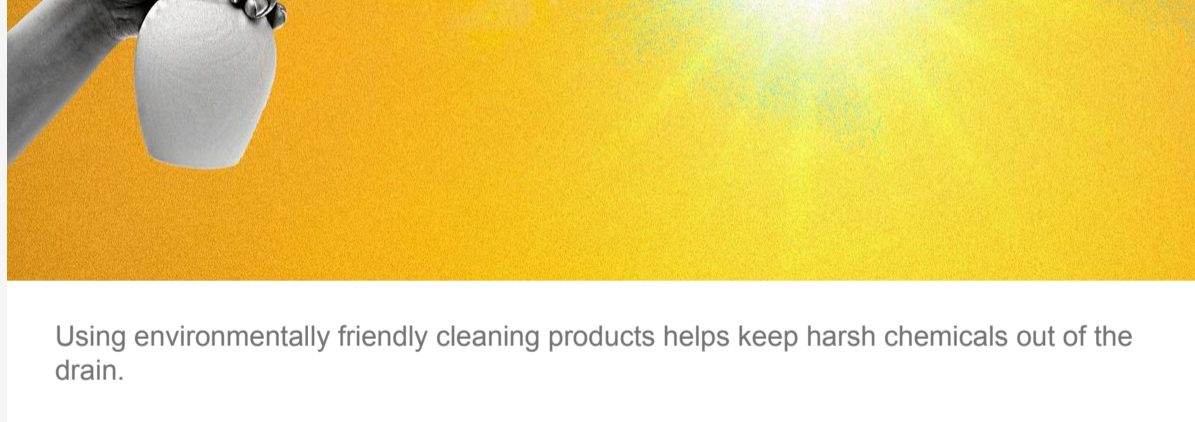


Watch your mailbox for the District's report on capital improvement projects and other programs DSRSD has been accomplishing.

DSRSD usually publishes an [Annual Report](#), but due to the pandemic, this upcoming report covers the last two fiscal years, from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021. The report discusses what the District has been doing for the past two years to improve operating efficiencies, protect public health and the environment, increase savings, and invest in the future.

**Our thought bubble:** The report also includes a brief survey. Please take a few minutes to tear it out of the publication, complete it, and return it to us. We want to communicate with you more efficiently.

### What Can You Do to Prevent Pollution? Lots!



Using environmentally friendly cleaning products helps keep harsh chemicals out of the drain.

September 20 to 26 is Pollution Prevention Week. Let's celebrate by doing our part to reduce, eliminate, or prevent pollution at its source. Here are a few ways you can clean and polish in your home using environmentally friendly alternatives to hazardous household products.

**To clean windows,** put equal amounts of vinegar and water in a spray bottle and spray the glass then dry with paper towels. To remove streaks after drying, wipe with newspaper.

**To clean tubs and tiles,** sprinkle baking soda on a wet sponge and add vinegar on top. Scrub.

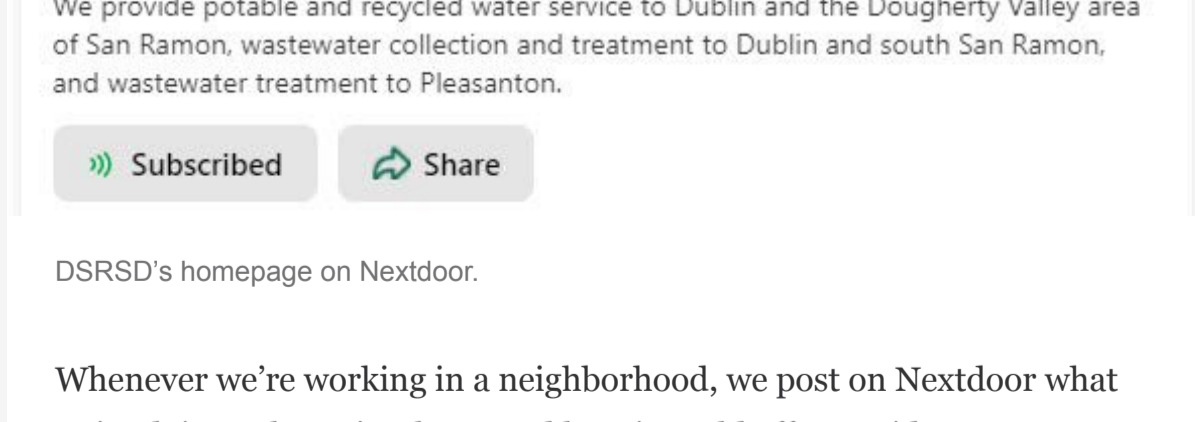
**To polish furniture,** apply olive oil or almond oil. Rub in. Let it stand several hours, then polish with a soft, dry cloth.

Check out DSRSD's [recipe cards for safe household cleaners](#) you can make and use at home.

**Go deeper:** Only flush pee, poo, puke, and paper (as in toilet paper) down the toilet. Treating wastewater is an organic process, so do not flush wipes (even wipes labeled "flushable" clog pipes), medications, or needles. Only flush the four "P's."

For more tips on how you can prevent pollution, visit <https://www.epa.gov/p2week/pollution-prevention-tips-home>.

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**Why it matters:** If you want to be in the know, subscribe to our page on Nextdoor: [nextdoor.com/agency-detail/ca/dublin/dublin-san-ramon-services-district/](https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/ca/dublin/dublin-san-ramon-services-district/)

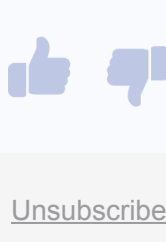
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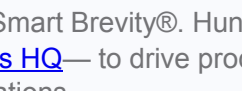
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