



Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Use Application/Agreement

Customer Name: _____ Your Water Agency: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Safety Notice

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) is not responsible for the safety of you, your passengers or your vehicle. Be aware that not all vehicles are suited for hauling 300 gallons of water. Driving a vehicle with a heavy weight and sloshing liquid may affect the handling of your vehicle and require additional stopping distance. You are responsible for ensuring that your containers are secured, your vehicle is capable of carrying the volume of recycled water you've obtained and that you comply with all rules of the road.

Who can participate in this program?

Only residents who live in Alamo, Blackhawk, Canyon, Clayton, Concord, Clyde, Danville, Diablo, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pacheco, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon or Walnut Creek.

Things to know about the use of recycled water:

1. *What is tertiary-treated recycled water and is it safe?*

Recycled water is wastewater that has been processed through primary, secondary and tertiary treatment and sodium hypochlorite disinfection to meet strict standards of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). According to these standards, tertiary-treated recycled water is safe for all human contact except drinking. To prevent inadvertent consumption, reduce contact with recycled water and wash hands with drinking water.

2. *What can I use recycled water for?*

Based on the SWRCB's approval, the recycled water obtained through this program can be used to:

✓ **Water your trees, gardens, vegetables, and lawns**

3. *What is recycled water NOT suitable for?*

- Drinking
- Cooking or use in the kitchen
- Bathing or showering
- Filling swimming pools or spas
- Children's water toys
- Connecting to the household domestic (drinking water) plumbing or irrigation system

4. Why is recycled water not safe to drink? What happens if I drink it?

Tertiary-treated recycled water is not approved for drinking. However, it is treated to such a high standard that accidental consumption is not likely to make you ill. If you accidentally drink recycled water, there is no need to panic. Should you experience any adverse symptoms or feel unwell, consult your doctor.

5. Can I water my plants with recycled water?

Yes, all plants can be watered with recycled water. This includes edible plants such as fruit trees, vegetables and herbs. Just remember to wash all fruits, vegetables and herbs with drinking water prior to consumption.

Recycled water tends to have a higher salt content than drinking water, so it's best to direct the recycled water to the roots of the plants and not the foliage. This will protect them from potential leaf burn.

6. Do water-use restrictions (conservation) apply to recycled water?

No. Water-use restrictions do not apply to recycled water. However, recycled water is a valuable resource and should not be wasted.

7. Who develops the health standards for recycled water?

Recycled water is strictly monitored to ensure it meets water quality standards set by the SWRCB and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

8. How much will this recycled water cost me?

Nothing, it's free.

9. How much recycled water can I pick up at a time?

The maximum amount per trip is 300 gallons. This means that at any given time, the maximum amount of CCCSD recycled water any vehicle or vehicle/trailer combination should be carrying is 300 gallons.

Keep in mind the size of your vehicle when selecting transport containers. Water weighs 8.34 pounds, so 300 gallons of recycled water weighs more than 2,500 pounds. Ensure your vehicle can handle the amount of recycled water you collect and transport.

10. What are the rules and regulations for residential use of recycled water?

- a) Fill out the Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Use Application/Agreement form. Obtain CCCSD approval and sign the form once training has been received.
- b) Containers must be designed for transporting liquids and have water-tight lids. Garbage cans, bins and other storage containers are not allowed. CCCSD's recycled water stickers shall be placed on all containers to ensure everyone is aware recycled water is stored in the container and the water is not suitable for human consumption. The stickers are available at the fill station.
- c) Recycled water **shall not** be placed in a storage container that is connected to the landscape irrigation system or the onsite drinking water supply.

- d) Recycled water **shall not** be discharged to the street gutter or storm drain system. If you have leftover recycled water and want to dispose of it, either discharge it to a landscaped area or to the sanitary sewer system via an onsite cleanout.
- e) Recycled water **shall not** be applied where it could spray on external drinking water fountains, passing vehicles, buildings, or areas where food is handled or eaten.
- f) Resident shall use recycled water by hand-watering application methods only.
- g) Practice good sanitation habits. Wash your hands with drinking water after using recycled water, especially before eating or smoking.
- h) **DO NOT DRINK** recycled water or use it for food preparation.
- i) Wash vegetables with domestic water prior to eating or cooking (the majority of the vegetables in the grocery stores are irrigated with recycled water).
- j) Ensure young children do not play with or drink recycled water.
- k) CCCSD staff may conduct site visits to ensure your proper use of recycled water and to ensure the health and safety of your family and the public.
- l) Trained users may apply recycled water at other residential properties within CCCSD's Household Hazardous Waste Collection service area (eligible communities are listed on page 1 of this form) as long as the location, water agency and the estimated volume of recycled water is provided when it is picked up at the fill station.

Location, Access, and Hours of Operation

- Located at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF) at 4797 Imhoff Place in Martinez.
- Registered users will be allowed unlimited trips to the Recycled Water Fill Station during operating hours. For current hours, see website or call the Fill Station Hotline at (925) 335-7717.
- Please be aware of the signs along Imhoff Drive directing you to the Recycled Water Fill Station.

Procedure to Obtain Recycled Water

1. Residents can obtain a Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Use Application/ Agreement form online at www.centernalsan.org/recycledwater or at the HHWCF. Residents are encouraged to complete and review the application materials prior to their first visit.
2. Residents will be served on a drop-in basis. CCCSD staff will verify that the Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Use Application/Agreement form has been completed. Each participant will be entered into a database, given a brief one-on-one training about the use of recycled water, and provided with recycled water stickers for their containers.
3. Residents must bring their own sealable containers with a minimum volume of one gallon and a maximum of 300 gallons. Each resident can only receive up to a total of 300 gallons of recycled water per trip and containers must be appropriately labeled.
4. The participating resident will be directed to the southwest corner of HHWCF where the fill station is located.
5. The Fill Station is self-serve, so please stay with your filling hose at all times. A staff member will be present to assist and assure that filled containers are marked and sealed prior to leaving the facility.
6. The staff member will ask for your CCCSD Recycled Water user card and driver's license, which will be scanned into our database (data is used for broad geographical statistics only). Staff will also record the estimated volume of recycled water collected per participating resident.
7. Returning recycled water users will be checked in with the user database, the container label will be verified and water volumes will be tracked per visit.

Certification Statement/Signature Section (Do not sign until after training is received)

- By checking this box and signing below, I understand and agree to all the conditions of this agreement and to conform to CCCSD requirements for recycled water use. Failure to comply with the conditions of this agreement may lead to termination of this agreement and the right to obtain recycled water from CCCSD's Residential Recycled Water Fill Station.
- By checking this box and signing below, I release and hold harmless CCCSD for any damages to me, my family, my vehicle(s) or others due to my participation in the Residential Recycled Water Fill Station Program and use of the recycled water.
- By checking this box and signing below, I have completed the training required to obtain recycled water from CCCSD's Residential Recycled Water Fill Station.

Signature

Date

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
CCCSD Approval

Name

Date