

DRIEST TIME OF THE YEAR

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We've made it to June, which is traditionally the driest month in Arizona with very low humidity. The rye grass, which served us well throughout the winter is fading and Bermuda turf has emerged from its' winter dormancy. Water usage within the community will rise to compensate for the dry weather and higher temperatures. Luckily, we have had substantial rainfall through the months of January, February and March that equates to just under 3" of rainfall during those months. That has allowed SDL to cut back significantly on running the irrigation system and saving the valuable resource of water for when we'll need it during the summer months.

The following is the data for water usage within Westbrook Village through May 2023:

Dollars spent - \$25,990 compared to \$65,844 in 2022 through May.

Gallons used - 5,715,971 compared to 16,211,958 in 2022 through May.

Rainfall received - 2.98" compared to 0.62" in 2022 through May.

There should always be a direct correlation to rainfall received and gallons of water run through the irrigation systems if the system is being managed correctly. Special thanks go to Miguel Ramirez, Irrigation Tech for Westbrook Village and Johnny Rivera, Account Manager for Westbrook for their diligence in managing the water usage this year.

During the driest part of the summer and until we receive some much-needed monsoon rains, SDL will add additional water to the many Pine trees throughout Westbrook Village. We just fertilized the Pines with a multipurpose fertilizer and are monitoring the water to help keep them thriving as long as possible. Each day, we look through the canopies of the Pine trees to see if there is excessive browning throughout the tree, which is an indicator of additional water needs.

June is Palm tree pruning time and SDL will be on-site with bucket lifts to get the job completed as quickly as possible. Please be careful when driving through the community as multiple SDL employees will be along the roadways and intersections throughout Westbrook Village during this time. We will utilize all precautions for your safety as well as SDL's during this hectic month.

Buckle down for the long, hot summer and be sure to get your walks in early mornings or early evenings when the temperatures are more conducive to being outside.