

CALAMITY JANE EXPRESS (R)

Emergency Checklist

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Standard Messages

Drought

- Do not waste water inside or outside your home.

Indoors:

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it.
 - Make sure your home faucets and toilets are leak-free.
 - Consider purchasing a low-volume toilet, or “ultra low flush toilet (ULF)
 - Put a brick, or another large solid object, in your toilet tank
 - Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily.
 - Take shorter showers.
 - Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version.
 - Do not let the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face, or shaving.
 - Operate the automatic dishwasher only when it is fully loaded.
 - Use two containers—one with soapy water and the other with rinse water—when washing dishes by hand.
 - Operate the automatic clothes washer only when it is fully loaded, or set the water level for the size of your load.
 - Retrofit all household faucets with aerators with flow restrictors.
 - Consider installing an instant hot water heater on your sink.
 - Insulate your water pipes to prevent them from breaking if you have a sudden and unexpected spell of freezing weather
 - Install a water-softening system only when the minerals in the water would damage the pipes.
- When purchasing a new appliance, choose one that is more energy and water efficient.

Outdoors:

- Check your well pump periodically
- When washing your car, use a shut-off nozzle on your hose
- Do not over-water your lawn.
- Raise your lawn mower blade to at least three inches (7.6 centimeters) or to its highest level and avoid over-fertilizing your lawn.
- Consider installing a new water-saving pool filter
- Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground covers, shrubs, and trees.
- Install irrigation devices that are the most water efficient for each use.
- Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil.
- Do not buy water toys that require a constant stream of water.
- Do not install ornamental water features (such as fountains) unless they use recycled water.
- Make sure that any animals, particularly those housed outdoors, have plenty of clean water.

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