

## An Ounce of Prevention



Recently the District has received several calls from a leading Green Valley Plumbing Contractor. The calls were a "heads up" about water pressure. The District is primarily a gravity feed system; meaning that our water pressure in the street remains constant. Most of our homes are equipped with a Pressure Reducing Valve. The valve, as the

name indicates, reduces the pressure of incoming water. Should this valve start to fluctuate or possibly fail, the pressure of incoming water can cause leaks in the home and associated damage. The normal life span of the valve is approximately ten years. It may be a good time to have your PRV check by a plumbing expert. The average

cost of inspection is \$70. Inspection and replacement will cost approximately \$150, approximately \$200 for a buried unit. A modest amount spent before the problem occurs can save many dollars after the problems have happened.



## Water Conservation

There has been a lot in the press lately with regards to water supply and conservation. We are fortunate that the District wells have not seen a dramatic drop compared to other areas such as Tucson and Oro Valley.

water rate scheduled set so that the more water is used the higher the rate. Area residents are to be commended on their efforts to conserve. We have conscientious customers that monitor their usages closely.

always more than happy to help guide homeowners in locating sources of high usage. By working together the District and it's customers can prevent any sort of drastic measures that have been mentioned in the press by other agencies.

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The staff at the District is

*"Automatic drip systems are great convenience to the homeowner. They do need to be maintained and checked. American Water Works Association reports 42 percent of residential water is used indoors. The remaining 58 percent is used outdoors. For more hints on maintaining your drip system visit Water Conservation Alliance of Southern Arizona website at [www.watercaso.org](http://www.watercaso.org)"*



*"Check you toilet for leaks. (A leak in your toilet may be wasting more than 100 gallons of water per day. To check, put a little food coloring in you toilet tank. If, without flushing, the coloring begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak. Adjust or replace the flush valve yourself or call a plumber."*