

# July 2025

This newsletter shares important updates, stories, and events happening right here in our community. Below, you'll find a table of contents featuring the top stories of the month. If you're interested, simply click the link to read the full article.

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## Arcadia's Budget in Brief

Thanks to a longstanding commitment to conservative revenue forecasting and prudent spending, Arcadia enters the coming year in a stable fiscal position. This means residents, businesses, and visitors can continue to enjoy all the programs, events, and services they value - without any reductions or cutbacks.

## Improvements for Our Community's Needs

- To meet growing community needs, the City will launch new programs totaling \$132,300 that enhance public service and safety.
- The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program will be established, offering training to volunteers on disaster preparedness and emergency response.
- The Fire Department will undergo a Standards of Cover (SOC) assessment to evaluate community risk, resource distribution, performance, and areas for service improvement.
- The Police Department will subscribe to the Sharp Performance App, which supports officer wellness with tailored mental health tools, stress management, and wellness tracking, helping reduce burnout and improve job performance.
- The City's Public Records Portal currently has 10 concurrent viewing licenses, which are often at capacity, limiting access to City records. The upgraded portal will add 15 more licenses, improving access for those seeking instant access to public documents.



## Strengthening Infrastructure & Equipment

With 32 projects planned for the next year, the Capital Improvement Plan will focus on essential infrastructure upgrades across Arcadia. This includes plumbing and carpet repairs at the Arcadia Public Library, lighting upgrades at all three Fire Stations, debris removal at Wilderness Park, expanding the water treatment capacity of the Orange Grove Well, repaving city streets, and upgrading sewerline capacity on Santa Anita Avenue, totaling \$24.1 million.

Through the Equipment Replacement Fund, Arcadia stays ahead of costly repairs by replacing aging equipment before it breaks or reaches the end of its life cycle. Public Works Services, Fire, and Police Departments will also receive new heavy-duty vehicles to ensure safe, efficient operations, totaling \$3.2 million.

## Responsible Budgeting for Future Success

What was once a projected \$3 million deficit for FY 2024-25 became a \$34,000 surplus thanks to stronger revenues and strategic cost management. Looking ahead, the City anticipates another surplus of \$88,400 in FY 2025-26, but remains prepared to respond to any sudden changes in economic conditions with healthy reserves. The City continues on the responsible path

forward, maintaining high-quality services while staying flexible and prepared to adapt as economic conditions evolve.

For more information on the City's Budget, [visit ArcadiaCA.gov/Budget](https://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/Budget).

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### **Pickleball at Tierra Verde Park**

In the fall of 2024, the City of Arcadia was awarded \$30,000 from the [Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District](#) to upgrade the courts at Tierra Verde Park! This generous funding allowed the City to meet the growing demand for racquet sports without the significant costs of constructing new facilities in south Arcadia.

In June 2025, the community gathered to celebrate the project's completion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Fully grant-funded, the project included resurfacing and restriping the courts for dual use, allowing for both tennis and pickleball play. The upgrade eliminates the need for players to manually convert the courts and introduces new portable, wheeled pickleball nets for convenience.

Additional tennis courts are available at Bicentennial Park, Hugo Reid Park, and Orange Grove Park. Camino Grove Park offers both tennis and pickleball courts. To view various amenities at Arcadia parks, [visit www.ArcadiaCA.gov/Parks](https://www.ArcadiaCA.gov/Parks). Arcadia parks are open from dawn until dusk unless the facility has dedicated after hour lights for park use. Courts are available on a first come, first served basis.



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### **Save Water All Summer Long**

Did you know that the average person uses around 140 liters of water a day? Unfortunately, water deficits continue and now more than ever, it is imperative that we do our best to conserve water. Below are some helpful tips on how you can conserve water this summer:

- On Tuesdays and Saturdays only, water between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. when sunlight and wind are the weakest.
- Plant a drought-tolerant landscape. Modifying your landscaping with drought tolerant plants can help save up to 60 gallons of water with each watering.
- Apply mulch in your garden. Using mulch can save up to 30 gallons of water seasonally.
- Use a broom instead of water to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks.
- Use your dishwasher and washing machines with full loads only.
- [Sign up for WaterSmart](#). This software is free for Arcadia residents and helps residents by providing a more complete understanding of their home's water use.
- Install water efficient appliances. Check out the City of Arcadia's [Sustainable Arcadia webpage](#) to learn more about the indoor and outdoor water conservation rebates the City offers.

# 2025 Water Conservation Rebates



## Indoor Rebate Programs

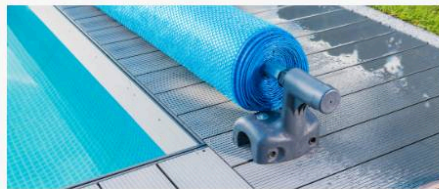
### Shower Heads

Arcadia water customers may apply to receive a rebate for up to four qualifying newly purchased shower heads. Showerheads must have a 2 GPM maximum flow rate and display the WaterSense label.



### Pool/Spa Covers

Arcadia single-family water customers may apply for a rebate on one qualifying newly purchased pool and/or spa cover. The cover must conform to the shape of your pool or spa and cover at least 85% of the water.



### Faucets

Arcadia water customers may apply for the rebate program for up to four qualifying newly purchased faucets. Faucets must be a maximum of 1.5 GPM flow rate and display the WaterSense label.



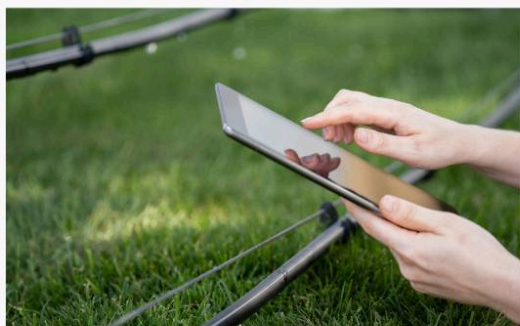
For application information, visit [ArcadiaCA.gov/WaterConservation](https://ArcadiaCA.gov/WaterConservation)

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## Outdoor Rebate Programs

### Turf Replacement & Water Wise Landscaping

- Arcadia water customers may receive rebates for replacing turf grass with more **water-wise California native plant landscaping**. The City of Arcadia has partnered with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to co-fund these rebates on a first come first serve basis.



### Irrigation and Water Storage Tools

- Arcadia residents may apply to the rebate program for installing weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture systems, flow monitoring devices, rain barrels, and cisterns. The City of Arcadia has partnered with the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District to co-fund these rebates on a first come first serve basis.



Residential Rebates

To learn more and apply, visit [SoCalWater\\$mart.com](https://SoCalWater$mart.com)

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### Safety Spotlight: Protect Kids and Pets from Hot Car Dangers

After receiving an emergency call, the Arcadia Fire Department responded to a scene where a 3-year-old boy had accidentally been locked inside a parked car. With rising temperatures, firefighters quickly broke a rear window, unlocked the doors, and safely brought the child out of the vehicle. After a thorough evaluation, he was cleared and reunited with his parents.

As summer heats up, this incident serves as an important reminder of how quickly vehicles can become dangerous. Even with windows slightly open, a parked car can reach life-threatening temperatures within minutes. To help prevent heat-related tragedies, always remember:

- Never leave children or pets in a parked car, even for a moment.
  - Always check the back seat before locking your car.
  - Place something you'll need, like a phone or purse, in the back as a reminder.
  - Keep your car locked when it's parked to prevent kids from climbing in.
  - If you see a child or animal alone in a hot car, don't wait, call 911 immediately.
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