

Your home is in the CAGRDR. *What does that mean to you?*

What is the CAGRDR?

The Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRDR) was created by the Arizona legislature in 1993. The CAGRDR is overseen by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD), which also operates the Central Arizona Project, and is governed by the CAWCD's elected 15-member Board of Directors.

The CAGRDR is responsible for replacing (replenishing) groundwater used by its members within State-mandated groundwater Active Management Areas (AMAs) in Maricopa, Pinal and Pima counties. It provides a mechanism for property owners and water providers to meet Arizona's strict groundwater use regulations by agreeing to have the CAGRDR replenish the groundwater on their behalf.

The CAGRDR collects membership fees and assessments from its members to purchase renewable water supplies with which to replenish the groundwater.

Why is my home in the CAGRDR?

Since 1995, most new subdivisions within the state's AMAs have been prohibited from using groundwater unless that groundwater is replenished with a renewable supply. Your home was constructed within a subdivision that uses groundwater and was required to become a "Member Land" of the CAGRDR so that its groundwater use could be replenished. Without this CAGRDR membership, your home could not have been built.

How does this CAGRDR membership work?

Your water provider pumps groundwater to serve the water demands in your subdivision. At the end of each year, the water provider files a report with the CAGRDR which shows the amount of groundwater delivered to each home during the previous 12 months.

Your share of the cost for replenishment is based on the amount of groundwater delivered to your home. This cost shows up as an assessment on your property tax statement and is paid along with your property taxes. For many homeowners, these charges are paid as part of the monthly mortgage payment, just like property taxes.

These funds are transferred to the CAGRDR for its use in buying and recharging renewable water supplies. When all is said and done, you will have done your part to help protect Arizona's future water supplies by paying to replenish the groundwater you used.

Why is the CAGRDR assessment on my home different from my neighbor's?

If you used more (or less) groundwater at your home than your neighbor, then the replenishment assessment on your property tax bill will be higher (or lower) than your neighbor's assessment.



What are Annual Membership Dues?

Annual Membership Dues (AMDs) are used to help the CAGRD acquire water or water rights, as well as to develop infrastructure that may be required to perform replenishment. The Arizona legislature has given the CAGRD the authority to charge and collect AMDs from all members, but the CAWCD Board of Directors must decide each year whether or not AMDs should be collected.

Are my homeowners association dues affected by membership in the CAGRD?

If there are common areas in your neighborhood that are owned by the homeowners association and irrigated with groundwater, then the homeowners association must pay a replenishment assessment for those parcels, just as you do for your home.

How can I save money as a CAGRD member?

Remember, your CAGRD assessment is directly related to the amount of water that you use. Consider choosing Energy-Star appliances and low-flow, water-efficient bath and kitchen fixtures when you replace appliances and/or fixtures. Desert landscaping and properly maintained and controlled irrigation systems can save even more water and money.

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