

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

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

Is my water bill affected by membership in the CAGR?

No. The costs of replenishing groundwater delivered to your home are paid through the assessments collected by the county along with your property taxes.

How are my homeowner's association dues affected by membership in the CAGR?

If there are common areas in your neighborhood that are owned by the homeowner's association and irrigated with groundwater, then the homeowner's association must pay a replenishment assessment for those parcels, just as you do for your home. These, along with all other costs incurred by the association, are likely included in your dues.

How can I save water?

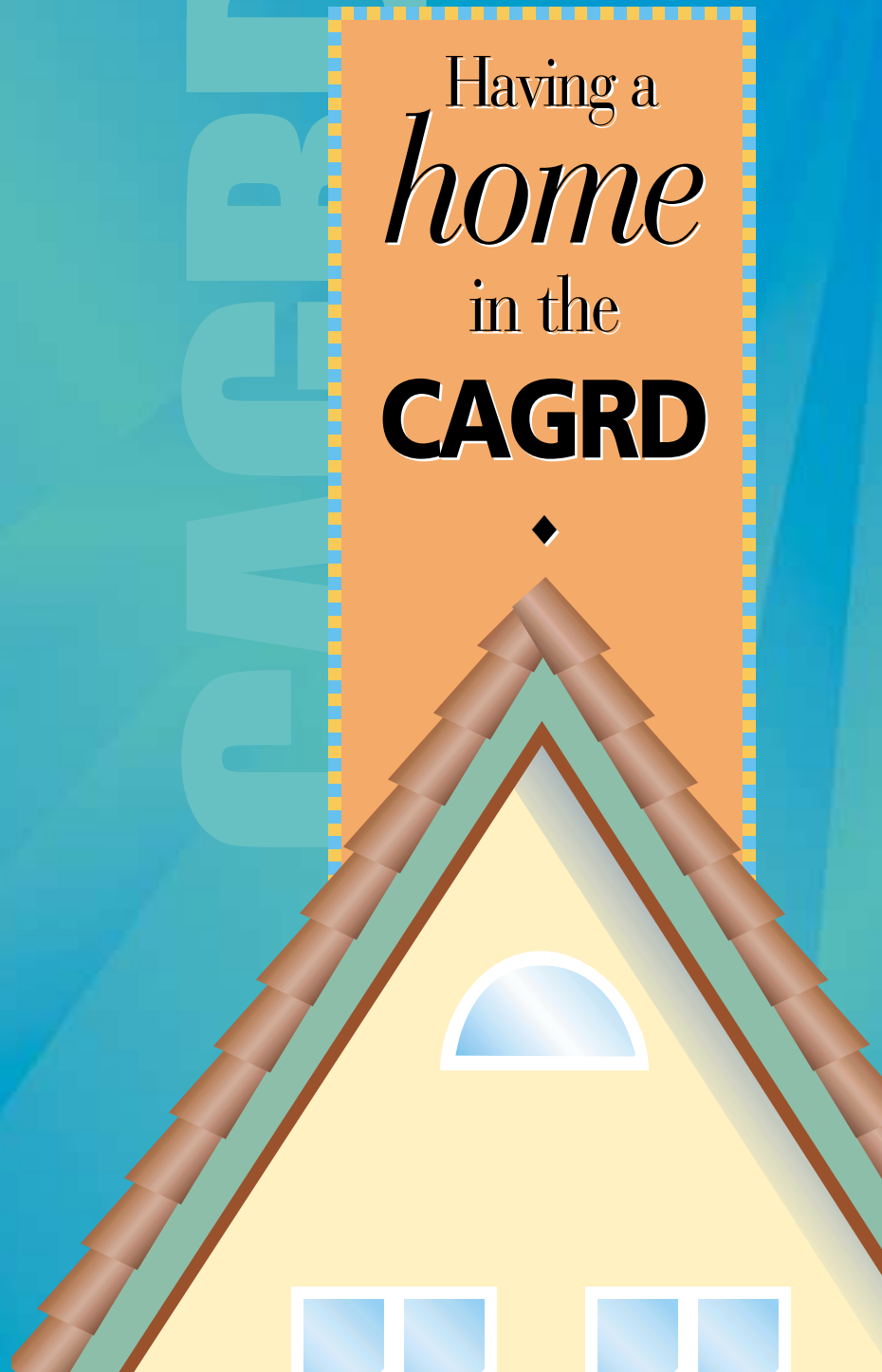
If your home was built with low water-use appliances, that should help reduce your costs. The landscaping you choose will have a big impact on the amount of water you use, so care should be taken in selecting outdoor plants and lawns. For more information on water conservation visit www.adwr.state.az.us.



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**What
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What is the CAGR.D?

The Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR.D) was established in 1993 by the state legislature to serve as a groundwater replenishment entity for its members. It provides a method for property owners and water providers to demonstrate a 100-year assured water supply under Arizona law by agreeing to have the CAGR.D recharge amounts of groundwater that are over the limits established by the assured water supply rules.

The CAGR.D is operated by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD), which also oversees the Central Arizona Project. It is governed by the 15-member CAWCD Board of Directors but is a separate legal and financial entity from the CAWCD. The CAGR.D includes three Active Management Areas (AMA) within Phoenix, Tucson and Pinal County.

Why is my home in the CAGR.D?

In order to build homes in the subdivision in which you live, the developer needed to prove to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) that the water used in your subdivision would not reduce the overall amount of groundwater available in the AMA in which you live. In other words, beginning in 1995, all new residential subdivisions could no longer rely solely on mined groundwater to meet their water supply needs. With this in mind, the developer chose to enroll your subdivision in the CAGR.D.

How does the CAGR.D work?

Your water provider will pump groundwater to serve your water demands.

At the end of each year, your water provider will file a report with the CAGR.D, which indicates the amount of groundwater delivered to your home during the previous 12 months.

When all of the water providers' reports for the entire AMA have been filed, the CAGR.D will determine how much groundwater needs to be recharged (or replenished) to satisfy state regulations. The CAGR.D will also determine the total cost for the replenishment required in your AMA. This total cost for replenishment will be divided among all of the members of the CAGR.D based on the amount of groundwater used.

The cost to replenish the groundwater you used will show up as a line item on your annual property tax statement from the county treasurer.

You will pay the CAGR.D portion of your tax bill just as you pay your property taxes. For most homeowners, this will end up being a part of your regular monthly house payment.

The county will transfer the funds it collects to the CAGR.D for use in buying and recharging enough renewable water supplies to replenish the amount you used.

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 use.

How does the CAGR.D determine what I have to pay?

Each year, the CAGR.D determines its total replenishment obligation for each AMA. This obligation results from groundwater delivered to CAGR.D members. The CAGR.D then determines the total cost to meet the replenishment obligations in each AMA and divides that total by the number of acre-feet of replenishment obligation. This results in a replenishment rate that is charged against each member based on the volume of groundwater that the member used.