



Success Story – Levitch Associates

Levitch Associates

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Levitch Associates, Inc. is a Berkeley-based family business that has been providing professional architectural and construction services with a “Master Builder” work ethic since 1960. Over the years, the firm’s 2-story office space, converted from a residential home, has undergone several retrofits, making it “green” and efficient. And now, Levitch has become WaterSmart as well.

An initial inspection by EBMUD Water Conservation staff found that even though the firm was already very water efficient there were still further steps it could take to become water smart. Since 1986, when Levitch’s water account was established, their water use has been exemplary, using only in the range of 200-300 gallons per day (gpd). Then, in 2007, they



Levitch Associates demonstrates that water conservation is simple.

experienced a leak which drove their water use to 2,000 gpd. They quickly repaired the leak and implemented some other very simple, yet effective, changes.

They installed low-flow aerators and high-efficiency toilets and converted their landscape to drought tolerant plants with drip irrigation. The irrigation system is shut off in winter. Levitch Associate’s water use dropped significantly, from 300 gpd to 100 gpd on average.

Levitch Associates showcases how good water management can translate into big savings that improve the bottom line, protect the environment, and preserve vital resources for our community. EBMUD would like to congratulate them on their WaterSmart Certification.

WaterSmart — good for business; good for the environment.

EBMUD recognizes these businesses and customers for their water conserving efforts. However EBMUD makes no representation regarding these businesses or that similar water savings will be achieved at other sites.

Water savings snapshot

Historical consumption: 300 GPD
Current water consumption after changes: 105 GPD
Potential annual savings: 71,175 gallons

