



2023 Water Conservation Tip of the Month

MONTH	TIP OF THE MONTH
January	Start the new year off by learning about your City's Landscape Rebate Program (Buellton or Solvang) and how you can save water (and make money!) by replacing grass with synthetic turf, planting drought tolerant plants and shrubs, and/or implementing other city-approved landscape rebate water saving practices.
February	Did you know that outdoor watering makes up 60%-75% of an average water bill? You can help reduce outdoor water usage by becoming "Water Wise" and setting up a monthly schedule to check your irrigation system (make sure hose connections are tight, fix leaks, replace/repair broken or clogged sprinklers, and adjust your sprinklers) so no water is wasted! Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website for more helpful tips to conserve water at home.
March	Did you know about 45% of indoor water consumption takes place in the bathroom? By implementing hardware retrofits such as installing low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, and high-efficiency toilets, you can save 100 gallons or more in the bathroom alone. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to learn about more water efficiency ideas for your home.
April	Don't forget to inspect your sinks, toilets, and outdoor water faucets for leaks; and repair leaks in a timely manner. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to watch a helpful video to learn how to repair a leaking sink, toilet, or outside water faucet.
May	The average person in California uses 196 gallons of water per day. Let's do our part to reduce indoor water usage by fixing leaks, taking shorter showers (5 minutes or less), running full loads only (dishwashers and laundry), turning off running faucets, and reusing bath water for outdoor irrigation. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to learn ways to help conserve water at home and at work.
June	Did you know you can save up to 50% on your water bill if you use a WaterSense automatic irrigation controller and set the system to water in the early mornings or evenings so that you beat the heat and avoid daytime evaporation/ Visit EPA's WaterSense website to learn more helpful watering tips.
July	Summertime Outdoor Watering Tips: (1) Step on the grass and if it springs back, it doesn't need water; (2) Leave your grass long so it retains moisture and requires less watering; (3) Take a sprinkler break, and let your grass grow naturally – it does not need to be green year-round. Visit the EPA's WaterSense website for more helpful watering tips.
August	Take your car to a local commercial car wash that recycles water! When washing your car at home, use a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off and make sure the wastewater drains to a landscaped area or unpaved surface; or when possible, wash the car directly over a grassy area.
September	Did you know that some irrigation controllers have a water budget adjustment feature that allows you to adjust your watering schedule based on weather? Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website learn more about Watering % Adjust and to sign up for weekly text alerts so you can adjust your watering schedule and save water based on your local weather.
October	Keep up to date on water-efficient products such as toilets, urinals, showerheads, faucets sprinklers, irrigation controllers etc.), and rebates for your home or business. Visit the EPA's WaterSense website to learn about these water saving products.
November	Consider purchasing an Energy Star appliance during a Holiday Sale Event. Visit the EPA's Energy Star website. By upgrading to a more efficient appliance, you can not only save water and energy, but you could be eligible for a rebate!
December	Turn sprinklers off and take advantage of some natural irrigation. Try and keep your irrigation controller off from one storm to the next during the rainy season. Enjoy the rain!