



2021 Water Conservation Tip of the Month

MONTH	TIP OF THE MONTH
January	When you are being Water Wise at home or at your business, you are helping prevent water waste in your City. Visit your City's Water Conservation webpage (Buellton or Solvang) or the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to learn more about indoor and outdoor water conservation measures.
February	Thinking about Spring? Explore the Water Wise website to learn about sustainable, climate-appropriate, and drought tolerant plants that thrive in Santa Barbara County. This is a great website to find the perfect plant for your garden.
March	Did you know Santa Barbara County educates local gardeners in water efficiency and pollution prevention landscape maintenance practices? Visit your City's Water Conservation webpage (Buellton or Solvang) or the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to find a local landscape professional that has been certified through the Green Gardener Program.
April	Inspect your sprinkler system including all valves, sprinkler heads and water lines and adjust the irrigation controller for efficient watering during the spring season. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to learn how to check your sprinkler system.
May	Did you know that if you add a thick layer of mulch, 3 inches or more to your garden it will keep the moisture in the soil and keep the weeds out? Visit the Less is More website to learn the location of the FREE mulch pile in Santa Ynez Valley.
June	Did you know the City of Solvang has a Landscaper's Guide to Best Management Practices (BMPs) that is available in English and Spanish? Visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage (Buellton or Solvang) to download a copy of the BMP guide to learn how to properly manage irrigation to minimize runoff and other water conservation strategies that you can implement with the landscaping company servicing you.
July	Learn how to save money, save water, and beautify your residential or commercial property through your City's Landscape Rebate Program. Visit your City's Water Conservation webpage (Buellton or Solvang) webpage to learn about your City's rebate program.
August	Conduct an inspection of your indoor systems and appliances such as toilets, water heater, dishwasher, or washing machine for leaks; and repair any leaks found. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to watch a helpful video to learn how to inspect your indoor systems and appliances.
September	By directing roof runoff to your lawn or garden areas you will help reduce runoff from entering the street and provide fresh clean and nourishing rain water to your landscape. Visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage (Buellton or Solvang) or the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise for more conservation tips.
October	Don't forget to adjust your sprinklers seasonally to water less during the cold and wet weather. Visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage (Buellton or Solvang) or the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise to learn more conservation tips and tricks.
November	Consider purchasing a Water Sense or Energy Star appliance during a Holiday Sale Event. Visit EPA's WaterSense Products website or the Energy Star website to learn more about their products that can help you save water, energy, and money (if rebate eligible).
December	Use 20% less water annually by installing a "smart" irrigation controller or by choosing a water efficient irrigation system. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's Water Wise website to learn about what you can do to save water.