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STAGE TWO WATER SHORTAGE ALERT DECLARED IN RESPONSE TO STATEWIDE DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Common-Sense Water Use Regulations Adopted

While locally the City has adequate water supplies, statewide the outlook is far more severe. The Governor has mandated that urban water suppliers move to a higher level of drought response, regardless of local water supply conditions. In response, City Council declared a Stage Two Water Shortage Alert on June 21, 2022 and adopted the following priority water use regulations.

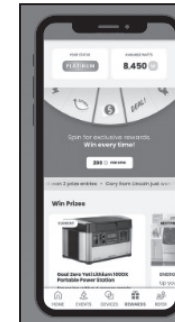
- Hoses must be equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle when in use, including washing vehicles and boats.
- No hosing down sidewalks, buildings, or other hard surfaced areas with potable water. Exceptions are for preventative maintenance or for health and safety measures provided a pressure washer, bucket, or other tools are used to limit the amount of water used.
- Irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for in-ground automatic or manual irrigation systems. Hand watering is allowed at any time, but a shut-off nozzle must be used.
- Statewide ban on potable irrigation of non-functional turfgrass at commercial, industrial, and institutional sites. Non-functional turf is defined as turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events.
- Prohibition on water waste in place at all times: Any use that causes significant runoff beyond the boundaries of the property is prohibited. All leaks must be repaired within 72 hours after notice by the City. Irrigation during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall is prohibited. Measurable rainfall is defined as .25 inches or more during a 24 hour period.



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Thanks to our community's continued commitment to water conservation and the City's investment in our diversified water supply, Santa Barbara's water outlook is good, even if extreme dry conditions persist for several years. To learn more about drought planning and conservation programs, please visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Drought or call (805) 564-5460.

GET PAID TO SAVE ENERGY!



When you sign up for OhmConnect you'll get:

- Tips & tricks to save energy
- Alerts when energy is expensive
- A smart thermostat or 2 smart plugs for \$0.99
- \$10 in your account when you join!

You can join this no-cost, no-risk program in as little as 2 minutes.

Santa Barbara Clean Energy customers can get a smart thermostat for only \$0.99 or 2 smart plugs when you sign up. Simply sign up, connect your electricity account (so they know how much energy you save) and reduce your energy use when it matters most. Take advantage of this energy-saving program now at ohmconnect.com/sbce.

NEW CITY HALL HOURS

The doors to City Hall will now be unlocked at 9 a.m. and locked at 3 p.m. City Hall is open daily, Monday through Friday, with the exception of closures every other Friday and federal holidays.



New City Hall Hours.

Doors will remain unlocked until 5:30 p.m. (or later) on days when City Council is meeting or a public meeting is being held in Council Chambers.

A Downtown Ambassador will be stationed in the lobby from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily, to assist visitors entering City Hall.

Thank you for your understanding. Answers to frequently asked questions and payment inquiries can be found on our website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

CHIEF BERNARD MELEKIAN ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 50 years of distinguished public service, Chief Barney Melekian stepped down as the Santa Barbara Police Department Interim Police Chief last month. Chief Melekian was appointed as the Interim Police Chief on March 1, 2021. He helped guide the department through the COVID-19 masking and vaccination issues, the development of the police oversight ordinance and responding to staffing and budgetary challenges.

Chief Barney Melekian's 50 years of distinguished service include 23 years with the Santa Monica Police Department where he was awarded the Medal of Valor and the Medal of Courage and 13 years as the Police Chief in Pasadena. He served as the Director of the Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) in the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Undersheriff for Santa Barbara County and Assistant County Executive Officer. Chief Melekian served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 and in the Coast Guard Reserves from 1984 to 2009.

The Chief and his wife, Nancy, have called Santa Barbara home for ten years and will continue to be part of the community.



Chief Melekian brought stability during a difficult and challenging time and his leadership has made an impact that will be felt for years to come.

REAL TIME TRANSLATION AND AUDIO ASSISTANCE AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Now it's easier than ever to get involved with your City Council, with real time English or Spanish translation or audio assistance at Council meetings, with the Listen Everywhere App. It's as easy as scan, connect, open, and listen. Scan the QR code and download the free Listen Everywhere App. Connect to the City Hall Wi-Fi. Open the app and select your preferred language. Plug in your headphones and follow the meeting. Give it a try at the next City Council Meeting. You'll find an informational poster outside Council Chambers with more details.



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LIBRARY OF THINGS: HOME ENERGY SAVING KIT

Simple DIY home improvements can increase your home's energy efficiency and make it more comfortable, affordable, and better for the planet.

Santa Barbara Public Library's Home Energy Savings Toolkit gives you the tools you need to upgrade your home—along with easy-to-follow instructions.

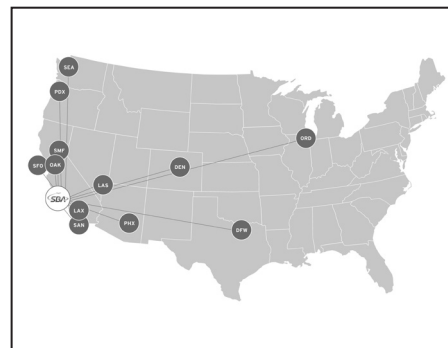
Check out a toolkit and use the free tools and supplies in the kit to complete your DIY projects. When you're finished, return your kit to us and enjoy your new and improved home!

Visit SBPLibrary.org/energy-kit for more information on how to check out the Home Energy Savings Kit.



The Library of Things is a collection of items you might not expect to find at a library that you can check out for one to three weeks at a time.

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CHILDREN'S FIESTA PARADE IS BACK



The Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department is proud to provide the children of our community with this special opportunity. Viva La Fiesta.

After a two-year hiatus, the beloved Children's Fiesta Parade is back! The parade, to be held on Saturday, August 6, is now in its 90th year, and has been a community tradition for generations. Each year, new families join families who have proudly participated in the Children's Fiesta Parade for more than five generations. This year's theme is Todos juntos en familia ("All Together as a Family,") so gather your family and friends and make plans now to watch the festivities along Cabrillo Boulevard.

Enjoy over 75 entries featuring colorful Spanish and Mexican costumes and music. Adding to the fun, spectators will see chickens, goat, ponies and dogs. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at Garden Street and ends near Milpas. Don't forget a blanket, chair and camera.