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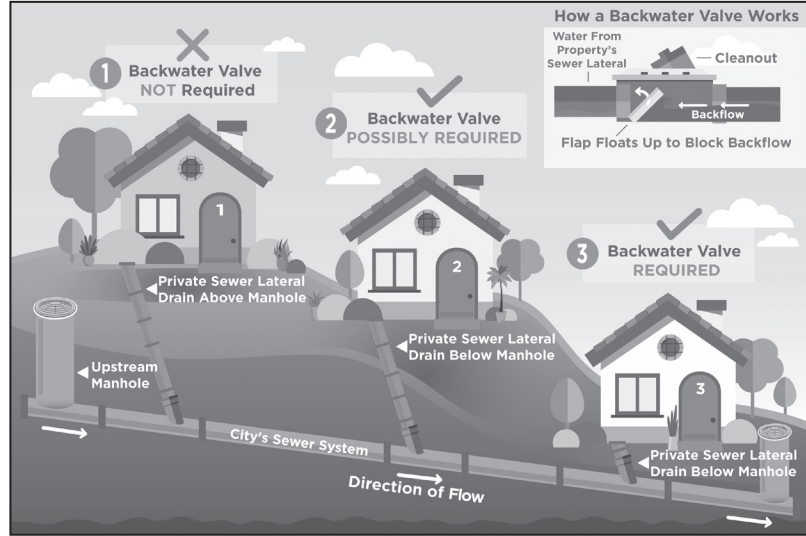


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## BACKWATER VALVES CAN PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS



A backwater valve prevents sewer backups from occurring on your property

Sewer backups are not only unpleasant, but can result in costly damages. A backwater valve may prevent a sewer backup from occurring on your property. If your property has drainage fixtures located below the elevation of the next upstream manhole, you might be required by the California Plumbing Code to install and maintain an approved backwater valve.

To learn more about backwater valves, who needs one, and how to properly maintain them watch our video at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/BackwaterValve](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/BackwaterValve). In addition, the City of Santa Barbara Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP) staff is available to provide professional support to property owners installing a backwater valve, to schedule an appointment call (805) 568-1082 or email us at [SLIP@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:SLIP@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).



Visit [SBAACS.com](http://SBAACS.com) for more details.

## BOOTH SPACES AVAILABLE TO LOCAL ARTISANS

Become a part of the Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show just in time for the holiday season! Display your products to visitors and locals on Cabrillo Boulevard at the city's weekly open-air market every Sunday. Artisans must be residents of Santa Barbara County and create all items themselves to join.

## FALL PLANTING FOR SPRING COLOR



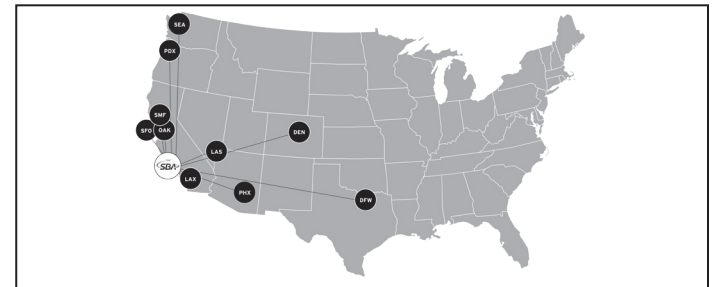
Native plants add color to your garden and require minimal maintenance and watering.

What if you could have a beautiful garden that saves you water, time, and money? Native plants can help you reach those goals. Now is the time to start planning. Planting natives in the fall encourages the growth of strong root systems. Plants also benefit from winter showers to get established.

Native plants typically require little maintenance, are well adapted to local conditions, have few pests, and do not require regular fertilizing.

Ready to upgrade your landscape but need some help? Visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise) for inspiration. Visit our Virtual Garden Tours and Plant Database website or download our Water Wise Native Plants for Santa Barbara County booklet.

## SKIP THE STRESS THIS FALL WITH SBA



Learn more about all SBA has to offer at [www.FlySBA.com](http://www.FlySBA.com)

## THIS OCTOBER CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire. The devastating inferno began on October 8, 1871 and killed more than 250 people.

The National Fire Protection Association is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. The Santa Barbara City Fire Department will be conducting several fire safety events throughout this week, partnering with our local schools and the City Housing Authority to raise awareness.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

It is important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different.



*Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out!*

## A SAFE HALLOWEEN IS A HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Fall is here and you and your family may be looking forward to scheduling visits to the pumpkin patch or enjoying autumnal festivals and Halloween parties. To keep you and all the pumpkins in your patch safe, City Fire has a few recommendations.



**Keep it spooky but stay visible:** On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. Avoid masks that obscure vision or costumes that could contribute to trips and falls.

**Before you eat, inspect the treat:** Children shouldn't snack on treats from their goody bags while they're out trick-or-treating. Give them a light meal or snack before they head out – so they're not trick-or-treating on an empty stomach. Urge them to wait until they get home and let you inspect their loot before they eat any of it. Tell children not to accept – and especially not to eat – anything that isn't commercially wrapped. Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious. If your child has a food allergy, check the label to ensure the allergen isn't present.

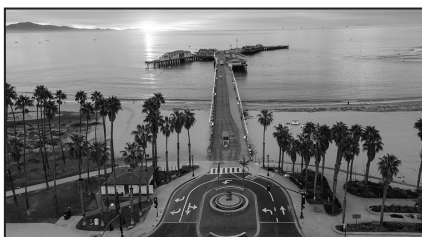
**Pawanormal Cativity:** Before the trick-or-treating starts, put your pets in a quiet room where they will be safe from all the Halloween activity. Pre-Halloween and during trick-or-treating, keep candy safely stashed in a high cabinet secured with a lock or child-safety latch. Many foods, such as chocolate, gum and xylitol (a sweetener used in many foods) are hazardous to pets. Bring your pets indoors before night falls. Cats are always safest inside with you, but on Halloween it's especially important to secure all pets inside so they don't run away out of fear of adults and children in costumes.

## SANTA BARBARA'S ICONIC STEARNS WHARF TO CELEBRATE 150TH BIRTHDAY

To celebrate the 150th birthday of Stearns Wharf, a grand birthday bash is planned for Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.

This iconic structure, which has served as Santa Barbara's front door, the birthplace of an industry, and the community's plank park, will be honored by cannon battles with a tall ship, an opera performance, live music, and a little history.

The birthday celebration will offer a variety of family fun with free face painting for kids, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and free boat rides for kids 12 and under, when accompanied by an adult, on Lil' Toot. All activities are free and open to the public and the day culminates with a fireworks show.



For more information check out: [stearnswharf.org](http://stearnswharf.org)