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# BE WILDFIRE READY: YOUR ESSENTIAL DRINKING WATER SYSTEM FACTS

## Wildfire Season is Here — Let's Be Ready, Together

As we enter another wildfire season, we want to share some important information about how the City's drinking water system works, and what that means for you during a wildfire emergency. Drinking water systems are not built to fight wildfires. Santa Barbara's water system is designed first and foremost to provide safe, reliable drinking water.

While the water system does support firefighting efforts for structure fires, wildfires require far more pressure and water than any drinking water system is built to provide. Storing extra water "just in case" isn't always an option — too much treated water sitting in storage can lead to water quality problems. That's why local firefighters train extensively to use water efficiently during wildfires, and why aerial firefighting teams often draw water directly from nearby reservoirs.

## How Santa Barbara Keeps Your Water Flowing — Even During Emergencies

Our water system includes 300+ miles of water pipes, 14 pump stations, 13 reservoirs, 3 treatment plants, and 2,600+ fire hydrants (regularly tested and maintained). Emergency preparedness investments include backup generators at water treatment plants & key pump stations, increased replacement of aging water mains, and long-term water infrastructure & supply planning.

## Power Outages & How the City Prepares for Wildfires

Wildfires can lead to power outages, both planned (PSPS events) and unplanned, and the City is ready for both. Backup systems include generators at all critical facilities and emergency bypass systems to keep water flowing. During wildfire season and Red Flag warnings, the City takes extra steps to ensure we're ready, including:

- Raising storage levels in reservoirs
- Fueling and testing all backup generators
- Coordinating daily with firefighters & weather services
- Pre-positioning firefighting equipment in high-risk areas

Wildfire preparation is a shared responsibility. The City is committed to maintaining safe, reliable water service. Protecting your home starts with you. Sign up for emergency alerts at [ReadySBC.org](https://ReadySBC.org). Let's work together to keep our community safe this wildfire season. Stay safe, stay prepared!



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# Where does it go?

## WASTE DISPOSAL RESOURCE GUIDE

Not sure where to take unwanted household items like electronics, furniture, hazardous waste, and clothing? This guide will help you recycle, donate, and dispose of it all, and do it responsibly!

### Thrift Stores for Donations:

Name	Address	Contact
Assistance League of Santa Barbara	1259 Veronica Springs Rd	(805) 687-9717
Goodwill	320 S Milpas St	(805) 899-3807
Unity Shoppe	110 W Sola St	(805) 564-4402
Catholic Charities	609 E Haley St	(805) 966-9659
Alpha Thrift	3845 State St	(805) 964-1123

Call to confirm hours and items accepted.

### Trash & Recycling Options:

**SOUTH COAST RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION**  
4430 Calle Real  
(805) 681-4345

**Accepts:** Furniture, mattresses, appliances (refrigerators, freezers, and A/C units are charged for drop off), electronics, tires, mixed construction waste (concrete, metal, drywall, wood).

**MARBORG CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION FACILITY**  
119 N. Quarantina St  
(805) 963-1852

**Accepts:** Electronics, tires, furniture, mattresses, appliances (fees for refrigerators, freezers, and A/C units), mixed construction waste (concrete, metal, drywall, wood).

**UCSB HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER**  
Building 565, Mesa Rd  
(805) 882-3602

**Accepts:** Chemicals, antifreeze, oil, fluorescent bulbs, paint of all types, batteries, mercury-containing devices.

**MARBORG DOWNTOWN RECYCLING CENTER (ABOP)**  
132 Nopalitos Wy  
(805) 963-1852

**Accepts:** Antifreeze, batteries, oil, light bulbs, paint, e-waste, recyclables (metal, plastic, paper, glass, cardboard). CRV redemption available.

**MARBORG GOLETA RECYCLING CENTER**  
20 David Love Pl  
(805) 963-1852

**Accepts:** Textiles (clothing, towels, matching shoes), antifreeze, e-waste, batteries, oil, light bulbs, paint. CRV redemption for beverage containers available.

City residents receive up to 4 FREE bulky item pickups per year. Call MarBorg at (805) 963-1852 to schedule.

For more information visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WasteDisposal](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WasteDisposal)



## WATERSMART - KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR WATER USE WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

WaterSmart is the City's new website to pay bills online, get water leak alerts, and track hourly water use. Have peace of mind while you're away – keep an eye on your sprinkler system from anywhere with cell or Wi-Fi service. WaterSmart allows you to track hourly, daily, and monthly water use, get automated leak alerts, diagnose a high bill, and set custom alerts. Signing up is easy and fast – just enter your account number and zip code at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterSmart](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterSmart).



Get leak alerts whether you are at home or away.

## IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY REBATES



Water efficiency can start in your own backyard.

No lawn but still looking to improve landscape water efficiency? Sprinkler timer from the 1980s? Improve your landscape water efficiency through our suite of rebates such as drip irrigation conversion, low-precipitation sprinkler nozzles, smart sprinkler timers, and laundry to landscape graywater systems. For more information, please visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates).

## AIRPORT SUMMER TRAVEL TIPS

Is your summer travel taking you through Santa Barbara Airport? Remember: arrive early and be prepared! The busy summer months can bring an influx of travelers. Arrive at least two hours before your flight, check directly with your airline for latest flight status, and don't forget your REAL ID or passport! Learn more helpful tips at [FlySBA.com/SummerTravel25](http://FlySBA.com/SummerTravel25).



Be prepared for busy travel days at Santa Barbara Airport.