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SPRUCE UP YOUR SPRINKLERS



Prepare your irrigation system for summer and catch hidden leaks!

With the hotter months approaching, you may be turning your irrigation system back on or increasing the watering frequency. While doing so, it is important to inspect the valves, sprinkler heads, water lines, and to properly schedule your timer. Following these simple steps now will go a long way towards saving you water and money.

- **Ease into Water Flow:** When restoring water to your system, be sure to do so slowly. Opening the main water valve quickly can cause a high-pressure surge that could result in damaged valves and burst fittings. Instead, open the main water valve to the irrigation in a slow and controlled fashion to gradually ease water flow and prevent a costly repair.
- **Inspect Above-Ground Components:** It is important to conduct a visual inspection of the entire ground-level portion of your system to ensure sprinkler heads and drip emitters are not obstructed in any way. Spray heads that are damaged, buried, and blocked with plants, dirt, or rocks could result in an uneven flow of water. Also, be sure to check that valves are not leaking and are turned off completely. After a long period of disuse, internal valve seals may dry out and may not seal or shut off completely.
- **Review and Schedule Your Irrigation Timer:** Use the Landscape Watering Calculator found on our website to create a custom watering schedule for your landscape. Then adjust it to the local weather conditions in one easy step with our Weekly Watering % Adjust value found on our website.
- **Replace and Upgrade Old Parts:** There may be components of your irrigation system that need replacement or upgrades to increase efficiency. Most commonly, nozzles and sprinkler heads can be retrofitted with newer technology such as rotating nozzles and pressure regulating sprinkler bodies that reduce misting and overspray.

The City has a variety of resources and rebates to assist you
at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise or by calling (805) 564-5460.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR WATER QUALITY



The City of Santa Barbara Annual Water Quality Report is now available to read online.

City laboratory staff conduct more than 45,000 water quality tests each year to ensure safe drinking water for our community. As in past years, the City outperformed every state and federal public health standard for water quality. Read the Annual Water Quality Report to learn where your water comes from, drinking water treatment regulations, and water quality testing. View the report by visiting SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterQuality or request a mailed copy by calling (805) 564-5387.



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



FREE BULKY ITEM PICKUPS FOR CITY OF SANTA BARBARA RESIDENTS

All City of Santa Barbara residents with trash service receive four free "bulky item" pickups (of up to five items, boxes, or bags) each year. Renters are now eligible to schedule bulky item pickups. This includes items like furniture, mattresses, appliances, and more. Yard waste must be securely bagged, tied, and shorter than 5–6 feet in length. Up to two tires can also be included in each pickup (tire only, rims must be removed). Construction or remodeling waste is not accepted. Bulky item pickups must be scheduled in advance. Call MarBorg at (805) 963-1852 to schedule a pickup. Gather items and place them at the curb by 6:00 AM on your scheduled pickup day. Placing items at the curb anytime other than your scheduled pickup day will be treated as illegal dumping.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR CREEK WEEK!

Creek Week is coming September 20–27! Join the City of Santa Barbara and community partners for a week of fun, educational, and hands-on events celebrating our local creeks, watersheds, and ocean. From cleanups to creek walks and family-friendly activities, there's something for everyone. Stay tuned for the full schedule! Follow Facebook.com/SBCreekWeek or visit SBCreekWeek.com to learn more.

DIVE INTO THESE NOVELS SET IN WATERY PLACES

Water You Waiting For? From misty coastlines to sunken cities, this curated list from the Santa Barbara Public Library dives into fiction set in mesmerizing, water-filled landscapes. Whether you love literary fiction, epic fantasy, or gripping mysteries, these stories will sweep you away. Let the tide carry you to your next great read!

Scan the QR Code to view our curated list. ➡

