



**Daylight Savings Time  
ends on  
Sunday, November 3rd**

**Adjust your  
irrigation times!**

As the days get shorter, so should the irrigation times for your landscape. Even if we don't get rain in the fall, less light means your landscape needs less water. When storms become frequent, turn off your irrigation completely.

Check to see if all your sprinkler heads are all functioning when the system is on, and check for damp spots in your yard when it's off, as this can indicate a leak. Clear debris from your gutters and downspouts to prevent overflow and keep the water draining properly. Put a diverter on the end of your downspout so water accumulates in your yard and percolates into the soil rather than going to the storm drains.

**Compost**

A layer of compost protects plants and enriches soil, as well as reducing the amount of water your garden needs during the fall. The compost you applied during the summer months has likely decomposed, so fall is the time to apply more.

**Plant Native  
Californian Plants**

Fall is a great time to plant native Californian plants. The winter rains will help them get established by next summer.

"The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our fore fathers but on loan from our children. So we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us." - Gandhi

**More reliable water supplies for California:  
Building a diverse regional water supply portfolio**

*While there are many factors impacting the state's water supplies, the good news is there are many actions that can be taken. The key is in building a diverse portfolio of water supplies that minimizes potential impacts and increases supply reliability under a variety of operational and hydrologic conditions.*

The Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project were built to irrigate millions of acres of farmland and to quench the thirst of growing population centers of Southern California and the Bay Area; this in turn has fueled California's trillion dollar economy, making it the sixth largest in the world, the nation's most populous state, and the leading agricultural producer and exporter of agricultural goods.

However, California now faces monumental challenges in meeting the water demand of its residents, industries, and agricultural producers.

**Factors impacting California's water supply:**

- Growing demand
- Drought and hydrologic variability/climate change
- Environmental regulations and conflicting human-species needs
- Declining reliability of imported water supplies
- Groundwater management
- Aging infrastructure
- Delta issues

**The Good news: There are many options**

While there is no silver bullet solution, the good news is that there are a number of tools in the toolbox that a region or locality can use to ensure their water supply reliability; which tools are appropriate to use will vary by region. The key is to build a diverse portfolio of water supplies that minimizes potential impacts and increases supply reliability under a variety of operational and hydrologic conditions.

Creating "more" available water for beneficial uses can be done by either reducing demand through conservation efforts thereby freeing up additional water for other uses, by implementing projects that clean up sources of water that are otherwise unusable, or by capturing water for human use that would otherwise be lost.

Below are the major tools in the toolbox that address either reducing demand or increasing water supplies:

- Agricultural water use efficiency
- Urban Water Efficiency
- Groundwater storage
- Desalination
- Conjunctive use management and groundwater storage
- Groundwater/Aquifer remediation
- Precipitation enhancement (cloud seeding)
- Recycled water
- Urban stormwater capture and management

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## WRASBC FREE Services & Rebates:

### Landscape Hardware Rebates

The Water Resources Association has rebates on hose timers, rain sensors and MP Rotator irrigation nozzles and sprinkler bodies with pressure regulators. 50% rebate (up to \$100) on qualifying products.



### Free Water Wise Landscape Plans

The Water Resources Association has FREE water wise landscape plans. Three different garden design concepts (\$500 value). Installing a water wise garden will save water and money, plus they require less maintenance time.

### Home Water Survey (Our most popular service!)

The Survey includes: irrigation check, suggested watering schedule, **leak check**, showerheads and faucet aerators, high-quality hose nozzle, water softener assistance

### Water Softener Assistance and Rebate Program

The water quality has improved dramatically in the Hollister Urban Area since October 2017. Water softeners are no longer needed! Rebates are available for those customers transitioning to an offsite regeneration service or demolishing their self-regulating water softener that uses salt or potassium. Rebates: \$250-\$300.



### Toilet Program (Free Toilets or Rebates)

Customers that have toilets that are 1992 or older qualify. These older toilets use from 3.5—7 gallons of water for each flush. New toilets flush from 1.28—1.6 gallons per flush. The Water Resources Association has free toilets or a \$75 rebate is available when you purchase your own.



### Green Business Certification:

The WRASBC is working together with the San Benito County Chamber of Commerce, San Benito County Integrated Waste Management and PG&E to assist, recognize and promote businesses and government agencies that volunteer to operate in a more environmentally responsible way.

### Additional Programs:

A Water Conservation Specialist is available to give presentations at schools, Service Clubs & local community organizations. Learn about the Water Cycle, our local water supply and water issues locally / state-wide. Fieldtrips to the reclamation plant and water treatment plant can also be arranged.

- **Special Rules & Conditions apply, call for details. Rebates are subject to available funds**

## Water Resources Association San Benito County Fall Activities

### San Benito County Fair

The San Benito County Fair is from Thursday, October 3rd to Sunday, October 6th 2018 at the Bolado Park.

Come by our booth in the Pavilion to learn about our programs and rebates to assist you in using water efficiently. Water Conservation is a way of life in San Benito County. Are you doing your best to conserve this precious resource?

### Attention teachers! School presentations and fieldtrips

Have a Water Conservation Specialist visit your class for a presentation on our local water supply, the Water Cycle and water resource protection. Take a fieldtrip\* to the City of Hollister's Reclamation Plant and to the San Benito County Water District's water treatment plant. Learn about careers in water.

\*Funding is limited