



All customers are asked to make every effort to conserve water and abide by the following restrictions. All customers are encouraged to reduce water consumption by 15% **compared to their water use in 2013.**

## OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS

Landscape watering shall be limited and restricted to no more than three (3) days per week.

**Odd numbered addresses** are hereby restricted to watering on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

**Even numbered addresses** are hereby restricted to watering on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

**No watering of landscaping between the hours of 9am and 5pm** unless it is with drip irrigation or hand watering with a quick acting positive shut off nozzle.

- No washing down sidewalks, driveways, or other hardscape surfaces.
- No watering lawns within 48 hours of rain.
- No watering landscape in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, or parking lots.
- No washing of cars without the use of a quick acting, positive shutoff nozzle.
- No operation of decorative fountains or other water features unless the water is recirculated.

For a complete list of water restrictions visit :

[www.wrasbc.org](http://www.wrasbc.org)

## Water Conservation Fatigue

We're all tired of hearing about the drought; tired of trying to squeeze a little more savings out of our gardens and indoor water use; tired of processing bad news about dying fisheries, drying wells, suffering farmers and dead trees.

We're all tired of hearing about drought. But we live in a region where our economy, our community and future generations depend on smart water management.

California is not like it was in the 1960's when most of our state's water infrastructure was put in place. We have more than twice the population in California now, with no more water. In 1960 there were approximately 16 million people living in California. Our state's current population is approximately 39 million people. The population is projected to be 60 million by the year 2050. Throw in the fact that the planet's climate is changing, which will have severe impacts on water availability, and we have a major problem.

Even in an average rainfall year, demand outstrips supply by several million acre-feet. The problem isn't that we're in a temporary drought: the problem is that we live in a world where water is in short supply.

The good news is that the fifth year of drought offers the chance to reinvest in effective water solutions by expanding our efforts to remove inappropriate outdoor landscaping, build water recovery and reuse facilities, improve agricultural irrigation practices, and get rid of those old, inefficient toilets, showerheads and washing machines.

Water conservation isn't new to our community. Over the last 10 years we have replaced over 10,000 high consumption toilets with newer, low-flow models. Many residents have changed their landscapes to be more water efficient. Thousands have called upon this agency to help them to locate and repair leaks. On the state level the governor signed major water conservation legislation and new, updated building codes have been adopted that embrace water conservation.

Consequently, the Hollister Urban Area has seen per capita water use go from 212 gallons per person per day in the late 1990's to 105 gallons per person per day in 2015.

Agriculture has improved their efficiency as well. Back in the 1990's many growers were still using furrow or flood irrigation. Now most use drip or micro sprayers, which are much more efficient. The San Benito County Water District is delivering recycled water to growers along Wright Road from the City's reclamation facility. Using water more than once is highly efficient and productive.

We need to step back and give ourselves a congratulatory pat on the back. However, there is still work to be done. Individually we need to make sure we have replaced our older toilets with low-flow models, fix leaks and choose climate appropriate landscape. Agriculture needs to continue to make strides in using water as efficiently as possible. Our water managers need to keep looking for ways to improve our water supply and water quality.

It's a struggle that will live on past our lifetimes, but we have shown we can adapt, improve and make progress in using water as efficiently as possible. Water conservation is no longer a choice in California, it's a lifestyle we can all rally around.

The first thing our local residents can do is call the Water Resources Association for a free leak check. While we're there we can talk about our many programs to assist you in using water efficiently. Call (831) 637-4378.

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*Representing the City of Hollister, the City of San Juan Bautista, Sunnyslope County Water District, and San Benito County Water District.*

## WRASBC FREE Services & Rebates:



### Turf Removal Rebate

LOCAL FUNDING DEPLETED FOR TURF REMOVAL REBATE AS OF 8/1/15  
STATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. GO TO:  
[SAVEOURWATERREBATES.COM](http://SAVEOURWATERREBATES.COM)

### 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

Have a WRASBC technician inspect and check your water softener to make sure it is set properly for hardness levels. 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**

## FREE Seminar: Fall is for Planting!



Please join us on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 for a seminar on how to care for your plants during the winter season.

You will also learn why you want to plant at this time and how it helps to conserve water while producing a gorgeous garden in early spring!

Class to be held at: The Garden Mart, 190 San Benito Street at 9:00 AM  
For more information: (831) 801-6049