



## 2022 Water Conservation Tip of the Month

MONTH	TIP OF THE MONTH
January	When you are being Water Wise at home or at your business, you are helping prevent water waste in your City. Visit your City's Water Conservation webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) or the County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> website to learn more about water conservation measures you can implement at home or your business.
February	Thinking about Spring coming? Explore the <a href="#">Water Wise</a> website to learn about beautiful sustainable, climate-appropriate, and drought tolerant plants that thrive in Santa Barbara County. You can find the perfect plants to beautify your garden and save on your water bill at the same time.
March	Did you know Santa Barbara County educates local gardeners in water efficiency and pollution prevention landscape maintenance practices? Visit your City's Water Conservation webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) or the County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> website to find a local landscape professional that has been certified through the Green Gardener Program.
April	Use a broom, not the hose, for your Spring cleaning to conserve water at home. Sweep off sidewalks, driveways, patios, tennis courts, etc. with a broom or rake to remove leaves, clippings, and debris. Using dry methods to clean on your property will save water and prevent debris from your house and yard from clogging or polluting the storm drain system. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> website for more helpful tips to conserve water at home.
May	An easy way to reduce your yard's irrigation needs is to add a thick layer of mulch (3 inches or more) to your garden—it will keep the moisture in the soil AND keep the weeds out. Visit the <a href="#">Less is More</a> website to learn the location of the FREE mulch pile in Santa Ynez Valley.
June	Did you know the Cities of Buellton and Solvang have developed a Landscaper's Guide to Best Management Practices (BMPs) that is available in English and Spanish? Visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) to download a copy of the BMP guide to learn how to properly manage irrigation to minimize runoff and other water conservation strategies that you can implement with your own landscaping projects, whether you are doing the work yourself or working with a landscaping contractor.
July	Learn how to save money, save water, and beautify your home or business through your City's Landscape Rebate Program. Visit your City's Water Conservation webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) webpage to learn about your City's rebate program.
August	How can you tell how much irrigation to apply to your yard? The County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> website has a simple calculator you can use to estimate your irrigation needs and conserve water. Tips on how to program irrigation timers and smart irrigation technology can also be found on the website. Be sure to visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) to learn more about water conservation and stormwater pollution prevention.
September	Rainwater has value; if you capture and save for later, you reduce your water use! Use stormwater as a resource by routing gutters and spouts drain to your landscape. Consider investing in a rain barrel or similar device, which can store rainwater to be used to irrigate your garden. Landscaping with native California plants also reduces the need for additional irrigation costly as the plants are more water efficient. Visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) or the County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> for more conservation tips.
October	Don't forget to adjust your sprinklers seasonally to water less as the weather becomes colder and wetter. Visit your City's Stormwater Management webpage ( <a href="#">Buellton</a> or <a href="#">Solvang</a> ) or the County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> to learn more conservation tips and tricks.



MONTH	TIP OF THE MONTH
November	Consider purchasing a Water Sense or Energy Star appliance during a Holiday Sale Event. Visit the EPA's <a href="#">WaterSense Products</a> website or the <a href="#">Energy Star</a> website. By upgrading to a more efficient appliance, you can not only save water and energy, but you could be eligible for a rebate!
December	What is watering % adjust? It's a water budget used to estimate your irrigation needs. Visit the County of Santa Barbara's <a href="#">Water Wise</a> website to sign up for Watering % Adjust text alerts and learn more about what you can do to save water.