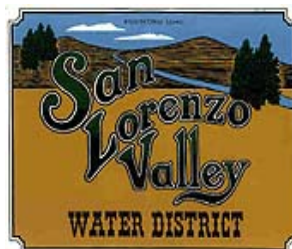




Water-saving garden tips



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Drought-smart garden design:

- 💧 **Go native!** Plant native grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once established, natives need water less frequently and can better survive dry periods.
- 💧 **Group plants** with similar water needs together.
- 💧 **Install irrigation devices** that are most water efficient for each use, such as drip irrigation and soaker hoses.
- 💧 **Use mulch** to retain moisture in the soil. Mulch also helps control weeds that compete with landscape plants for water.
- 💧 **Avoid installing fountains,** unless the water is recycled.

Watering tips:

- 💧 **Water plants and lawns during early morning hours** when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest.
DO NOT OVER-WATER!
- 💧 **Don't leave sprinklers or hoses unattended.** A garden hose can pour out 600 gallons in a few hours. Use an automatic hose timer or a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn sprinklers off.
- 💧 **Don't water the street, driveway or sidewalk.** Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn and shrubs... not the paved areas.
- 💧 **Make sure your hose connectors have washers.** Plastic or rubber washers prevent leaks.
- 💧 **Use a shut-off nozzle on your hose** which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed.
- 💧 **Turn off the hose at the faucet** instead of at the nozzle, to avoid leaks.
- 💧 **Avoid fertilizing your lawn.** Fertilizer applications increase the need for water.



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