### Water Wisdom, Plants & Rebates Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club





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# One leaky/running toilet can waste over 200 gallons an hour

OR

### 292,800 gallons of water in 2 months!

That's equivalent to 18 Pools

## Indoor Water \$aving Tips

- **1**. Fix running toilets
- 2. Fix all water leaks
- 3. Do full loads of laundry
- 4. Install low flow showerheads (1.75 gpm)
- 5. Turn off the water when brushing teeth
- 6. Install water efficient devices
- 7. Use the dishwasher (only 5 gallons per load)
- 8. Look & listen for leaks

# Water Wise (or Why's)

- Conserves resources
  - 40% to 90% less water
  - 60% less yard trimmings
- Saves time and money
  - 80% less gardening time
  - No more mow and blow
- Invites more "good" animals

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- Butterflies, hummingbirds and bees
- Help recharge our aquifer
- San Diego is arid

### **Programs & Resources**

Botanical Gardens	~	
Compost and Mulch	~	
Fire Protection Landscaping	~	
Garden Magazines, Tours, Shows and Classes	~	
Irrigation	~	
Landscape Design Templates	~	
Planning and Budgeting	~	
Professional Help	~	
Rainwater Catchment	~	
Soils, Trees, Planting and Plant Choices	~	
Turf Maintenance and Removal Advice	~	
Landscape Makeover Videos	~	

https://www.sdcwa.org/yourwater/conservation/resources/

### **Programs & Resources**



#### WaterSmart Classes

WaterSmart landscapes incorporate elements of sustainable landscaping such as healthy, living soils, climate-appropriate plants, high-efficiency irrigation and rainwater harvesting, and generate many environmental and community benefits. The Water Authority can help you create your own WaterSmart landscape with free classes and ondemand videos.



#### WaterSmart Resources

Creating a WaterSmart landscape requires careful planning and implementation, but offer many benefits including: improving the beauty of your property, reducing maintenance, minimizing water pollution due to runoff, and conserving water. Here are some resources to help you live a WaterSmart lifestyle.

#### CLASS LIST

#### **RESOURCE LIST**

### WaterSmartSD.org

### **Programs & Rebates**

Waterscape Rebate Program	~
High-Efficiency Washers	~
Premium High-Efficiency Toilets	~
Water-Efficient Devices for Low-Income Residents	~
Qualified Water Efficient Landscapers	~
Rain Barrels	~
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles	~
Soil Moisture Sensor Systems	~
Turf Replacement Program	~
Water Use Surveys	~
Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers	~

### WaterSmartSD.org SoCalWaterSmart.org

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# Efficient Irrigation Suggested Watering Tips





- Fall & Winter Water 2 Days Per Week
- Spring & Summer Water 3 Days Per Week
- 8 min for overhead / 15-20 for drip
- Turn off after rain
- Double Check the Settings
- Put a Back Up Battery in the Controller



# **Questions?**





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