

*Going Green with
San Bernardino County*

California Friendly Landscaping Update April 09



Water Usage/Grass update #10

Water usage for the month of April is:

26571.3 gals/ Grass & Planters

The **RTF** 3 times weekly.

SuperiorPlus 3 times weekly.

Marathon I 3 times weekly.

Bonsai & Marathon III 3 times weekly.

Turf	Water Hrs/Month	Water Gals/Month
RTF	2.1	1941
Superior	3.46	3203
Marathon I	3.46	3203
Bonsai	4.33	4004
Marathon III	4.33	4004

Around the Facilities Garden

Turf Update

The turf is still being watered three times per week:

RTF 14 mins each time (two start times 7 mins each time)

Marathon I and Superior 16 mins each time (two start times 8 mins each time)

Bonsai and Marathon III 20 mins each time (two start times 10 mins each time)



Water Use Efficiency Ideas for Residential Landscapes (cont'd from last month)

4. Hardscape

- Sweep sidewalks, patios and driveways instead of hosing them down.
- Use a bucket and automatic shut off sprayer when washing cars and boats or go to a car wash that recycles wash water.
- Use permeable paving wherever possible to allow rain to soak into the ground rather than run off.
- Use pool and spa covers to reduce evaporation.

5. Community

- Share ways to conserve water with family members.
- Report leaks, broken pipes and out of adjustment sprinklers in common areas and parks to property association or the City.
- Find out what conservation programs your local water agency or city may provide.
- Consider attending community college, cooperative extension or adult education classes and workshops to learn better horticultural practices. Some water agencies offer landscape classes.
- Use licensed and qualified landscapers and arborists for better quality work and healthier gardens. Look for professionals that advocate wise water use. Some professionals can help you develop an efficient irrigation schedule. Make sure the landscape professional you hire knows that wise water use is important to you.

Plant from the Garden

Cistus ladanifer

“Crimson Spot” Rock Rose



Cistus ladanifer, “Crimson spot” Rock rose. Compact growth to 3-5 ft high with equal spread. Fragrant leaves to 4 in long are dark green above, lighter beneath; 3-in wide flowers are white with a dark crimson spot at each petal base.

Requires: Full Sun, little or no water

Sunset zones: 6-9, 14-24 . Borderline in zones 4, 5

Information from Sunset Western Garden Book.

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