

*Saving Water with  
San Bernardino County*



## California Friendly Landscaping Water Saving Update June 09

**!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Water Saving Update!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

The Facilities Management Demonstration Garden has been in operation for 12 months and has contributed to Facilities Management saving:

**1,560,328 gallons of water**

This saving shows just how much water is wasted to help grass maintain a green appearance throughout the year, especially during the hot summer months.

*"When the well's dry,  
we know the worth of water." — Benjamin Franklin*



**Check out previous updates for information on:  
Grass cycling, Mulching, Soil Sampling, Planting tips, Plant information,  
plus many irrigation and water saving tips, ideas and suggestions.**



## 10 Things you can do to save water outside.

1. *Water your lawn only when it needs it.* A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, fetch the sprinkler.
2. *Deep-soak your lawn.* When you do water, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it does the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems.
3. *Water during the cool parts of the day.* Early morning generally is better than dusk because it helps prevent the growth of fungus.
4. *Don't water the gutter.* Position your sprinkler so water lands on the lawn, not on paved areas. Also avoid watering on windy days.
5. *Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.* Many beautiful trees and plants thrive with far less watering than other species.
6. *Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.* Mulch slows evaporation of moisture and discourages weed growth.
7. *Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.*
8. *Don't run the hose while washing your car.* Clean the car with a pail of soapy water. Use the hose for rinsing.
9. *Tell your children not to play with the hose and sprinklers.*
10. *Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings.* Leaks outside the house may not seem as bad because they're not visible. But, they can be just as wasteful as leaks inside. Check frequently and keep them drip-free.

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## Turf Update

The turf is still being watered three times per week:

RTF 14 mins each time (two start times 8 mins each time)

Marathon I and Superior 16 mins each time (two start times 10 mins each time)

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

### Water Usage/Grass update #12

Water usage for the month of June is:

29495.9 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	3.46	3203.2
Superior	4.33	4004
Marathon I	3.46	3203.2
Bonsai	4.33	4004
Marathon III	4.33	4004

# Plant from the Garden

## Berlandiera Lyrata

### Chocolate Flower



Berlandiera lyrata, Chocolate flower. Native from summer-rainfall areas of Texas west to southeastern Arizona and northern Mexico. Fragrance of chocolate permeates the morning air wherever this daisy blooms. Rounded, somewhat coarse-foliaged plant to 11/2–3 ft. high and wide. Blooms in spring and summer, sometimes into fall. Light yellow rays surround a maroon-and-green center. Once seed heads form, shear lightly to encourage more blooms.

Requires: Full Sun, moderate water

Sunset zones: 10-13, 18-23; anywhere as annual

Information from Sunset Western Garden Book.

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