

Water-efficient Landscape Tips

1. Water in the early morning or late evening to prevent loss from wind or evaporation.
2. Adjust watering times for seasonal changes.
3. Avoid runoff, if water is running off your lawn during watering, adjust your sprinkler heads, and break up watering times into shorter periods to allow water to sink into the soil.
4. Keep your landscape free from weeds. Weeds are water-thieves and will rob your plants and lawn of water and nutrients.
5. Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons of water a year.
6. Water turf only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water.
7. Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation.
8. Check your sprinklers regularly to make sure they're working properly. You can also upgrade your irrigation to drip irrigation to further conserve water.
9. Don't water when it's raining. If you want to upgrade your timer, purchase a smart controller, these timers automatically adjust the daily watering based on weather conditions.
10. Use a broom to clean your driveway or sidewalk, not your hose.
11. Use California Native or California Friendly plants in your landscape. These plants use less water and thrive in San Bernardino County.