

**There are a number of ways
to save water outdoors...**

- * Water landscaping only when needed. Water no more than twice a week unless the weather is hot and dry.
- * Check your irrigation system, faucets and hoses regularly and repair any leaks. Make sure your irrigation system is operating as efficiently as possible.
- * Water your lawns before 10am or after 4pm so that water is less likely to be lost due to evaporation or wind.
- * Water deeply with a soaker hose so that water will penetrate the soil just below the root zone. This will encourage deep, strong roots.
- * Consider native and drought tolerant plants and grasses when making landscape choices and adjust your watering to take advantage of the less-thirsty plants.
- * Use your local specialists! Contact the Public Works Dept. at 473-5460 to review your irrigation system at no cost.

... and they all start with you!



Every drop counts!

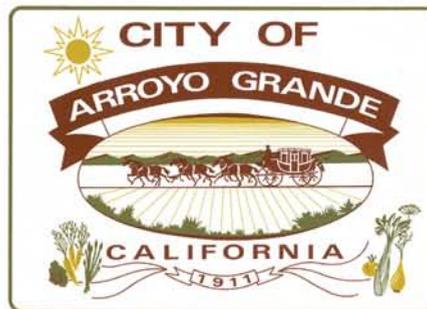


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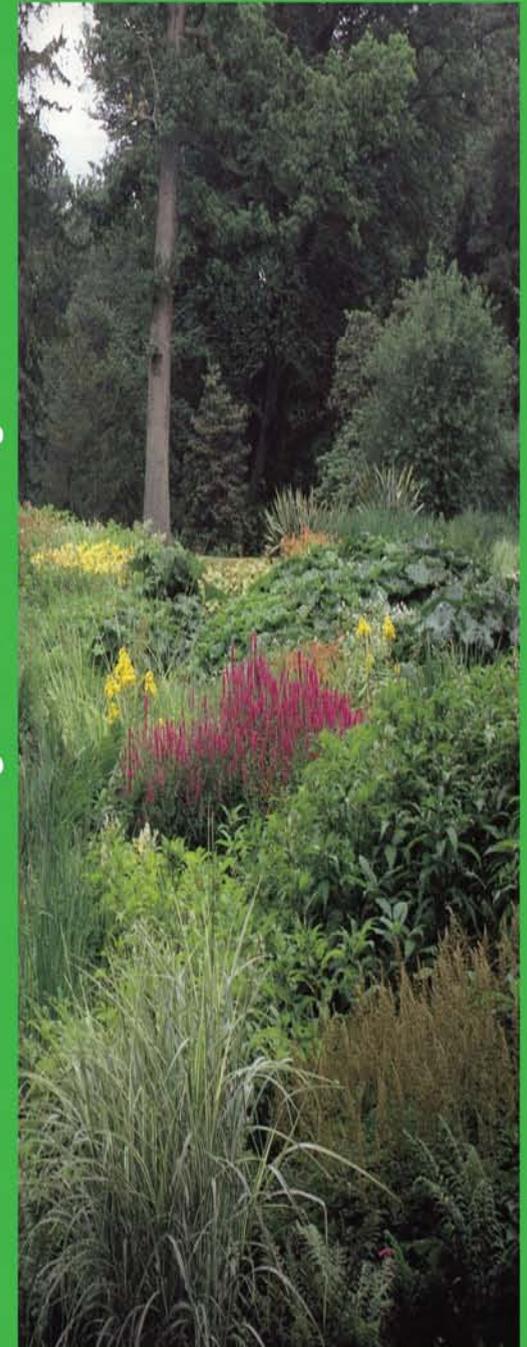
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City of Arroyo Grande



Water Conservation
Irrigation & Landscaping

Suggested Irrigation Schedule for
Lawn's & Grasses

Average amount of water per week suggested for irrigation

POP-UP SPRAY	
Jan-Feb	Turn System Off
March	10 min. week (.25")
April	30 min. week (.75")
May	45 min. week (1.1")
June-Aug	60 min. week (1.5")
Sept	45 min. week (.75")
Oct	30 min. week (.75")
Nov-Dec	Turn System Off

After determining the necessary amount of water, make certain that the proper amount is applied. This can be done by placing several flat-bottomed cans of equal size at various places on your lawn and measuring the depth of water collected after sprinkling.



It does not hurt to skip a planned watering day. Grass will normally recover well if stressed mildly. During the cool seasons, a weekly watering schedule may be more appropriate. However, in midsummer, it is best to follow the three-day schedule. Remember, if the grass in your lawn springs back as you walk on it, water is not necessary.

San Luis Obispo County has a semi-arid climate, typified by warm, dry summers and cool, moist winters. By planning within the conditions of our local environment (climate, soils, water availability, etc.), we can create "Smart" landscapes that are more appropriate for our area and more resource-efficient. Whether you are designing a new landscape or renovating an old one, you will be able to create a beautiful landscape that satisfies your personal needs, adds value to your property, and conserves valuable resources.

Where to start to make an existing landscape more water efficient.

Replace part or all of the lawn.
Keep just what you need. Replace the rest with unthirsty plants or hardscape, such as patios and decks.

Update your irrigation system.
Replace old sprinklers with drip irrigation or newer, more efficient sprinklers. Install an electronic controller.

Use organic mulches
They'll save water now and improve soil texture for new plantings in the future.

Please contact the City of Arroyo Grande with any questions at:

(805) 473-5460

Suggested Irrigation Schedule for Established
Trees and Shrubs

DRIP IRRIGATION	
Jan-Feb	Turn System Off
March	10 min. week
April	12 min. week
May	30 min. week
June-Aug	26 min. week
Sept	30 min. week
Oct	16 min. week
Nov-Dec	Turn System Off



Suggested Irrigation Schedule for Established
Perennials, Flora & New Plants

DRIP IRRIGATION	
Jan-Feb	Turn System Off
March	15 min. week
April	15 min. week
May	15 min. week
June-Aug	30 min. week
Sept	30 min. week
Oct	30 min. week
Nov-Dec	10 min. week

For best results, convert all irrigation to drip irrigation. These suggested schedules are effective 95% of the time during typical seasonal conditions of San Luis Obispo County. Varying soil types, terrain, weather conditions, irrigation system design factors, type of vegetation and use of mulch can greatly affect the water requirements of any given landscape.