DROUGHT CONDITIONS!
USE WATER WISELY!

Come by the WRASBC Booth at the SBC Fair October 3rd-5th. Learn about our different services and programs to assist you in using water efficiently

San Benito COUNTY FAIR

FREE Landscape Workshop

Saturday, October 11th
From 10am-12 noon

Fall is a great time to plant!

Join Marci & Nick Huston along with the WRASBC at
The GardenMart
410 Spring Grove Road
(Off of Fairview Road)

Topics will include:
Proper ways to Water
Companion Planting
Perennials vs. Annuals
Tour of Gardens
Using plants to attract Hummingbirds/Butterfly's

*Participants receive 50% off all plant material they purchase on that day.

Call (831) 637-4378 for reservations!

NEW REBATE!
Turf Removal Program
(see back of newsletter)

Make sure to reduce your irrigation times in the fall. Shorter days means less watering!

State Water Resources Control Board Issues Mandatory Water Restrictions

The City of Hollister, the Sunnyslope County Water District, the City of San Juan Bautista and the San Benito County Water District have been calling for immediate conservation since January to reduce water use by 15%. The WRASBC, who represents these agencies for their water conservation programs, have stepped up efforts that actively promote water use reduction for these agencies.

The WRASBC has expanded water conservation outreach and instituted a Turf Removal Program .With 50 percent of residential water used to irrigate landscape, they have been calling on residents to reduce their outdoor water use by watering only twice a week. They are further expanding their outreach with a renewed emphasis on lawns, encouraging people to be stingy in watering their lawn this summer or remove unused turf areas since turf uses so much water.

All the members of the Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRASBC) support the recent action by the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) to approve emergency water conservation regulations to address California's severe drought. These actions were introduced at the beginning of August and complement the enhanced 2014 water conservation efforts of the WRASBC and their members.

Here are the SWRCB list of restrictions:

No application of potable water to any driveway or sidewalk

Using potable water to water outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots or structures.

Using a hose that dispenses potable water to wash a motor vehicle, unless the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle.

Using potable water in a fountain or decorative water feature, unless the water is recirculated.

Mandate that outdoor irrigation be reduced to no more than twice a week or implement other mandatory use restrictions that provide a comparable level of savings.

Although no fines are being implemented at this time, field crews from the City and Sunnyslope are looking for violators and are issuing Water Waste Notices. The Notice asks for violators to contact the WRASBC for assistance.

See the back of this flyer for information on the different programs and services that can assist YOU and our community in using water efficiently.

REMEMBER: When irrigating your yard, do so in the early morning before 9am or after 5pm in the evening. Set a goal of no runoff. Call the WRASBC for assistance!

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WRASBC FREE Services & Rebates:

Turf Removal Rebate

The WRASBC is offering residential and commercial customers rebates in return for reducing the amount of lawn area in their landscapes and replacing with low water use landscapes. The WRASBC will rebate you up to $1.00 for every square foot of lawn area removed (up to 500 □'). Lawns must be well maintained before removal.

Landscape Hardware Rebates

The Water Resources Association has rebates on hose timers, rain sensors and MP Rotator irrigation nozzles and sprinkler bodies with pressure regulators. 50% rebate (up to $100) on qualifying products.

Free Water Wise Landscape Plans

The Water Resources Association has FREE water wise landscape plans. Three different garden design concepts ($500 value). Installing a water wise garden will save water and money, plus they require less maintenance time.

Home Water Survey
(Our most popular service!)

The Survey includes: irrigation check, suggested watering schedule, leak check, showerheads and faucet aerators, high-quality hose nozzle, water softener assistance

Water Softener Assistance and Rebate Program

Have a WRASBC technician inspect and check your water softener to make sure it is set properly for hardness levels. Rebates are available for those customers replacing a water softener that is currently operating or demolishing a water softener older than 1999. Newer water softeners are much more efficient with salt, water and electricity. Rebates $150-$300

High Efficiency Clothes Washer Rebates

These washers use half as much water as traditional top loading clothes washers. These machines also use less detergent and help us protect our groundwater supplies. Energy Star ® rated clothes washers qualify. Rebate: $100

Toilet Program (Free Toilets or Rebates)

Customers that have toilets that are 1992 or older qualify. These older toilets use from 3.5—7 gallons of water for each flush. New toilets flush from 1.28—1.6 gallons per flush. The Water Resources Association has free toilets or a $75 rebate is available when you purchase your own.

Green Business Certification:

The WRASBC is working together with the San Benito County Chamber of Commerce, San Benito County Integrated Waste Management and PG&E to assist, recognize and promote businesses and government agencies that volunteer to operate in a more environmentally responsible way.

Additional Programs:

A Water Conservation Specialist is available to give presentations at schools, Service Clubs & local community organizations. Learn about the Water Cycle, our local water supply and water issues locally / state-wide. Fieldtrips to the reclamation plant and water treatment plant can also be arranged.

*** Special Rules & Conditions apply, call for details. Rebates are subject to available funds**

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