



City of Santa Barbara

AGRICULTURE SUBMITTAL PACKET

- Agriculture Performance Standards
- Agriculture Submittal Requirements
- Agricultural Use Certification

****NOTE:**

- Please obtain a [Master Application](#).
- Questions regarding application submittal content and process can be answered at the Planning and Zoning counter at 630 Garden Street, or (805) 564-5578.
- Research: It is important that you research the project site prior to submitting an application. Resources such as the Santa Barbara Municipal Code (SBMC), handouts, guidelines, Street and Planning Files, parcel and case information can be found online via links on our “Planning Central” page at <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/planningcentral>
- Please be advised that all submittal materials (including plans) are subject to the Public Records Act and may be reproduced for the public without agent/owner authorization.



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AGRICULTURE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (SANTA BARBARA MUNICIPAL CODE §28.15.030.H)

1. Accessory Buildings. Accessory buildings for agricultural purposes shall not exceed five hundred (500) square feet in aggregate and shall be located a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from any property line. Accessory buildings used for agricultural purposes may be placed on a parcel without a main building. Accessory buildings shall not be placed on ridgelines or in such a manner that the peak of the roof exceeds the ridgeline elevation by more than six (6) feet. All accessory buildings shall be placed outside of the 100-year floodplain of any creeks or drainages on the property. Building siding and roof colors shall be in earth or vegetation tones to minimize visibility unless otherwise approved by the appropriate design review body. If an applicant proposes an agricultural accessory building in excess of five hundred (500) square feet in area, the applicant may apply for a modification under Chapter 28.92 of this Title.
2. Storage Requirements. All flammables, pesticides and fertilizers shall be stored in accordance with the regulations of the Uniform Fire Code and Santa Barbara County Department of Health Services or successor agency. At a minimum, any area where such materials are stored shall have a continuous concrete floor and lip which is tall enough to contain one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the volume of all the materials stored in the area. No pesticides, chemical fertilizers or other hazardous materials shall be stored outside of buildings.
3. Large Vehicles. No vehicles in excess of five (5) tons shall be kept, stored or parked on the property, except that such vehicles may be on the property as necessary for completion of grading performed in accordance with a grading permit issued by the City of Santa Barbara.
4. Sanitation. Sanitary facilities shall be provided for agricultural workers as required by the Santa Barbara County Division of Environmental Health and the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
5. Water Meters. All agricultural operations involving an area of one-half (½) acre or greater shall be placed on "Irrigation" water meters, as defined by authorization of Title 14 of this Code.
6. Irrigation Systems. All new or retrofitted agricultural irrigation systems for agricultural uses other than those carried out in greenhouses, shall be designed in accordance with the standards of the Soil Conservation Service for water conserving irrigation.



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AGRICULTURE SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Please provide the following information to the Planning Division with your application for either a new Irrigation Water Meter or for an expansion of the allocation for an existing Irrigation Water Meter:

1. Submit a completed Master Application
2. Submit a site plan that includes the following:
 - Property address & property owner(s)
 - Property dimensions and square footage
 - North arrow
 - Scale
 - Land Use Zone
 - County Assessor's Parcel Number
 - Vicinity map
 - Scope of Work
 - Location and dimension of existing structures
 - Slope of property and area to be used for agriculture
 - Topography (not greater than five-foot contour intervals)
 - Location and type of proposed agriculture
 - Amount of grading (cut and fill) in cubic yards and area in square feet
 - Amount of existing vegetation removal in square feet; also, indicate type (native or non-native)
 - Show all existing and proposed agriculture (existing agriculture need not be shown in detail; outline area only and indicate type). Proposed agriculture should show layout, location of trees, if proposed and extent of area)
 - Trees to be removed (indicate species, diameter at four feet (4') above grade, size and X through trunk)
 - Existing vegetation in vicinity where agricultural use is proposed (indicate species, diameter at four feet (4') above grade, size and dripline of mature trees)
 - Indicate irrigation system plan (including sprinkler coverage, list of irrigation stations and precipitation rates of those stations in inches per hour)
 - Show any existing or proposed accessory building(s) used for agricultural purposes (storage, greenhouse, etc.)
3. Read, sign and submit a completed certification (see attached) with your application.
4. Pay the fee for Agricultural Use
5. Additional submittal requirements may be required by the City Public Works Department.
6. If the property is located in the Hillside Design District and the slope of the property or the area to be developed in agriculture exceeds 20% in slope, you will be required to apply for a Vegetation Removal and/or Grading Permit prior to installation of new agricultural area. Please note that such Vegetation Removal Permits and Grading Permits require design review approval.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Irrigation systems should be designed to prevent overspray and runoff.
2. Drip, trickle or other low volume irrigation should be used unless shown to be infeasible for the crop.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: You may work with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in order to develop an irrigation system that is effective while reducing the amount of water needed to sustain your crop. Their number is (805) 937-6363. The SCS is available to inspect your operation and your site plans and will make recommendations regarding the best irrigation methods for your crop and location.



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AGRICULTURE USE CERTIFICATION

Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____ Assessor's Parcel #: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Type of Crop(s): _____

Number of Acres of Planted Area: _____ Slope: _____

Type of Irrigation: _____

I hereby certify that I have reviewed the standards for agricultural uses stated in Municipal Code Section 28.15.030.H and attached hereto. I further certify that this agricultural operation meets said standards and that any accessory building for said agricultural operation will not be used to store materials for other than the agricultural operation on this property. I also certify that I have designed the irrigation system in compliance with the best available knowledge regarding water needs for the crop I am growing so that water use will be minimized to the extent feasible. I so declare under penalty of perjury.

Applicant Signature Date

For Staff Use Only

Application received _____ Date By _____ Staff Initials

This application has been reviewed by Staff and complies with the Municipal Code requirements for agricultural uses.

Staff Signature Date

If the proposal complies with requirements for agricultural uses:

- Sign and date the certification;
- Make a copy for the Street File (certification, irrigation meter application and site plan);
- Go into Tidemark, add the parcel tag for "Agricultural Use Allowed", and include information about the acreage of the irrigated area and the fact that an agricultural irrigation meter application has been received; and
- Route the application and site plan to the Water Supply Management Division in the Public Works Department, Attention: Water Conservation Specialist.

If additional information is required or a Vegetation Removal or Grading Permit is required, please return the application to the applicant with instructions on the additional information and/or permits needed.