

LAWN WATERING BAN CHANGED FROM MANDATORY TO VOLUNTARY, CONSERVATION REMAINS KEY AS DROUGHT CONTINUES

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The rain this winter has improved the City's water supply situation, allowing us to avoid the peak demand shortage that had been projected for summer 2017. With this updated water supply news, the Santa Barbara City Council lifted the mandatory lawn watering ban on March 21 and reduced the Citywide conservation target from 40 percent to 30 percent while encouraging residents and businesses to continue conservation, including minimized lawn watering. As long as our community continues to meet the 30 percent conservation target, we have sufficient supplies for the next three years.

Water conservation remains a top priority for our community. Our customers have done a great job reducing water use by 36 percent compared to 2013, and the City has been recognized as a statewide leader in water conservation during California's historic drought. However, despite improvements in our water supply, the City remains in a drought.

Even if we receive more rain this spring, the impacts of the drought will last several years with groundwater basins taking 5 to 10 years to recharge under normal rainfall. For this reason, the City encourages the community to continue to voluntarily reduce lawn watering as one of the single biggest steps we can take to conserve water. This will allow for critical water savings and prioritizes outdoor water use to preserve high value landscaping such as trees and shrubs. The City has informational resources available to help the community save trees. Specific tree watering information, signs of drought stress in trees, watering FAQs, and more can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/TreeWatering.

The City will continue with plans to use desalination as a supply this year, which will play a key role in recovering from the long-term impacts of the current drought. With Cachuma at 49 percent of capacity, the Bureau of Reclamation anticipates releasing a partial allocation for the Cachuma



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Project in April 2017. With available supply from Gibraltar and Cachuma reservoirs this year, the City plans to rest its groundwater basins. The City's water supply mix also includes imported State Water, recycled water, and extraordinary water conservation.

All other drought water use regulations remain in effect, including but not limited to, watering times, irrigation runoff and overspray, and more. For information on water supplies, drought planning, regulations, and rebates please visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water or call 564-5460. Thank you for taking action, we are all in this together.

POPULAR HARBOR NAUTICAL SWAP MEET BACK AGAIN IN MAY!

On Saturday May 13, the 8th Annual Harbor Nautical Swap Meet will attract hundreds of treasure hunters to the Main Harbor Parking Lot from 8 a.m. to noon. Dozens of vendors will display and sell boat rigging, surfboards, fishing gear, inflatable boats, boat motors, and other marine/nautical items. Spend the morning looking for new gear while enjoying free coffee and refreshments care of the Harbor Merchants Association. Admission is free.

To sign up as a vendor, contact Harbor Operations at 564-5531 or visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/SwapMeet. Vendor applications are available online or at the Harbormaster's office beginning April 10.

Find a Treasure or Sell Your Nautical Gear



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SEMI-ANNUAL RECRUITMENT FOR CITY ADVISORY GROUPS



Apply now to serve in one of 50 vacancies on the City's Advisory Groups. / Aplica ahora para servir en una de las 50 vacantes en los Grupos Asesores de la Ciudad.

For additional information, including a list of the current vacancies and an on-line application, visit the City's website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Applications.

The City is seeking individuals to serve on the various City Advisory Groups! If you are an individual interested in making a difference in your community, contributing ideas, and being a part of the City team, you are strongly encouraged to apply.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. City Council will conduct interviews

RECLUTAMIENTO SEMI-ANUAL PARA LOS GRUPOS ASESORES DE LA CIUDAD

La Ciudad de Santa Bárbara busca personas para servir en varios Grupos Asesores de la Ciudad. Si Ud. es una persona interesada en hacer una diferencia en su comunidad, contribuir ideas, y ser parte del equipo de la Ciudad, le animamos profundamente a aplicar.

La fecha límite para aplicar será lunes, 1 de mayo a las 5:30 por la tarde. El Consejo de la Ciudad hará entrevistas en el 9, 16 y el 23 de mayo. Todos los solicitantes deben asistir a una de las fechas de entrevista para ser elegible y ser nombrado a un Grupo Asesor de la Ciudad. El Consejo de la Ciudad hará los nombramientos en el 6 de junio.

Para más información, incluyendo una lista de vacantes actuales y un impreso de solicitud en línea, visita el sitio web de la Ciudad a SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Applications.

E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - 29 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. SEARS PARKING LOT (3845 STATE ST.)

Boasting more than 150 tons of electronics collected annually, the City's biannual e-waste drop-off event is one of the largest in California. We encourage all area residents and businesses to join us and properly dispose of their e-waste for free.

What qualifies for e-waste collection? The rule of thumb is that if it runs on batteries or a power cord, we can take it off your hands.

Most common items:

- Computers and laptops
- Components & accessories (CPU, monitor, keyboard, mice, cables, external hard drives, etc.)
- Printers
- Plugs & Cords
- TV's of any kind (CRT, plasma, LCD, etc.)
- VCR's & DVD players
- Stereos & accessories (speakers, cables)
- Phones (mobile phones with batteries removed; landline phones)

No large appliances, refrigerators, ovens, fluorescent bulbs, printer cartridges, smoke detectors, batteries, or media (VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs, etc.).

For more information visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/EWaste

Cash for Making Your Garden More Water Wise!



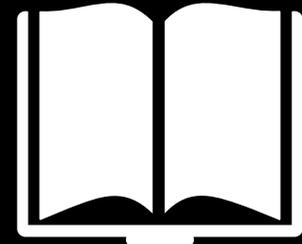
Get a rebate of up to 50% of the material costs of pre-approved irrigation equipment, water wise plants and mulch, laundry to landscape graywater materials, and smart irrigation controllers.

Any combination of irrigation equipment and planting costs may qualify for a one-time, maximum **rebate of \$1,000 for homes and \$4,000 for businesses.** Rebates are not retroactive and a pre-inspection is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
call 564-5460, or visit
SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise



Book Club in a Bag



Choose from a wide selection of titles available in kits of 10 books with discussion questions



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