

city of santa barbara Water Conservation Progra

What's Your Water Usage?

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Leak detection



Even a small, slow leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water a month.

20 gal/wash

- 1. Repair leaks.
- 2. Check indoor and outdoor plumbing routinely.
- 3. Monitor your water bill and meter.
- 4. Get a free water check-up!

Indoor Conservation Practices

- Install a high efficiency or low -flow toilet
- Install low-flow shower-heads and faucet aerators.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hands or shaving.
- Install an instant hot water delivery system.



- Fill the sink with water when washing dishes, instead of letting water run.
- Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Buy water and energy efficient appliances.

Outdoor Conservation Practices

- Keep sprinklers working correctly to prevent leaks and overspray.
- Reduce turf and use water wise plants.
- Use mulch to keep water from evaporating.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles it's water.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways and patio.

- Adjust watering schedule according to the weather by using the "Watering Index" and landscape watering calculator.
- Install drip irrigation.



