

2019 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2019 Water Quality Report is available. Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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SPRUCE UP YOUR SPRINKLERS

With the summer months approaching, you may be turning your irrigation system on after the wet spring we experienced. While doing so, it is important to inspect the valves, sprinkler heads, water lines, and to properly schedule your timer. Following these simple steps now will go a long way towards saving you water and money.



Use the Irrigation Startup Checklist to prepare your irrigation system for summer.

- **Ease into Water Flow:** When restoring water to your system be sure to do so slowly. Opening the main water valve quickly can cause a high pressure surge that could result in damaged valves and burst fittings. Instead, open the main water valve to the irrigation in a slow and controlled fashion to gradually ease water flow and prevent a costly repair.
- **Inspect Above Ground Components:** It is important to run a thorough visual inspection of the entire ground-level portion of your system to ensure sprinkler heads and drip emitters are not obstructed in any way. Spray heads that are damaged, buried, and blocked with plants, dirt, rocks or any other type of debris could result in an uneven flow of water. Also, be sure to check that valves are not leaking and that they turn off completely. After a long period of disuse, internal valve seals may dry and may not seal or shut off completely.
- **Review and Schedule Your Irrigation Timer:** Use the Landscape Watering Calculator found on our website to create a custom watering schedule for your landscape. Then adjust it to the local weather conditions in one easy step with our Weekly Watering % Adjust value found on our website.
- **Replace and Upgrade Old Parts:** There may be components of your irrigation system that need replacement or upgrades to increase efficiency. Most commonly, nozzles and sprinkler heads can be retrofitted with newer technology such as rotating nozzles and pressure regulating sprinkler bodies that reduce misting and overspray.

The City has a variety of resources to assist you at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Irrigation. For free one-on-one assistance, City Water Customers can schedule a Water Checkup appointment by calling the Water Conservation Program at (805) 564-5460.

CONFETTI IS LITTER

The use of confetti at Santa Barbara parades and festivals is growing, in both the number of events at which confetti is used and the volume of confetti tossed.



Throwing and leaving confetti, sequins, and glitter on the ground is littering.

While confetti eggs or cascarones have long been a tradition at Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days, we are now seeing large bags of confetti being dumped on our sidewalks, streets, and parks during Summer Solstice, Fourth of July, Fiesta, and Holiday parades and celebrations.

In addition to paper confetti, the volume of shiny metallic confetti, sequins, and glitter is increasing. These are all made of plastic and are often mistaken for food and consumed by birds and other animals. Confetti can easily wash or blow into our storm drains, creeks, and ocean, where it poses a threat to aquatic life.

While you're celebrating in Santa Barbara, we encourage you to choose paper confetti and use it sparingly!

- Storm drains lead to our creeks and ocean untreated.
- Confetti can be mistaken for food by birds, fish, and other wildlife.
- Shiny metallic confetti, sequins, and glitter are all made of plastic, which is not biodegradable.

For more information, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Confetti

Are you a vendor making cascarones to sell?

Please only use paper confetti (or leaves!), and do not add plastic or foam decorations on the outside of the eggs.



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RESOURCE CENTER: REDEFINING WASTE RECOVERY

Santa Barbara County and its partner cities spent over a decade working with the community to find ways to increase recycling, decrease greenhouse gases, and divert more waste from the landfill. The result was the approval of a state-of-the-art waste management facility located at the Tajiguas Landfill: The ReSource Center. Construction has already begun, and this facility is set to open in early 2021. In order to fund the construction and management of the ReSource Center, the County and participating cities agreed to increase tipping fees at the landfill. Residential and commercial customers will see an increase on their trash bill starting July 1, 2019. This year we had a larger increase in rates in order to finance the development and future operation of this facility. In the future, this facility will only increase costs more typical of local inflation.

 <p>Generates Renewable Energy</p> <p>Annual renewable energy generated to power 2,000 homes</p>	 <p>Reduces GHG Emissions</p> <p>Removes emissions equivalent to 28,668 cars annually</p>	 <p>Creates Jobs</p> <p>Creates nearly 100 permanent living wage jobs</p>
 <p>Reduces Waste</p> <p>Diverts additional 60% of waste from landfill - bringing region above 85% diversion rate</p>	 <p>SANTA BARBARA COUNTY Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division <i>Innovative Environmental Solutions</i></p>	



If you have questions about this project or would like to learn more, please check out www.LessIsMore.org/ReSourceCenter or call us at (805) 882-3600.



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CONCERTS IN THE PARK IS BACK!

It's one of Santa Barbara's best summer traditions. Find out first-hand what brings up to 5,000 people down to Chase Palm Park on Thursday nights during the summer. Make sure you dust off your dancing shoes, pack up a picnic dinner and your friends and family, and come celebrate summer and some great free music concerts in Santa Barbara's beautiful Chase Palm Park! Don't miss it!

The concert schedule starts July 11. All concerts are free and are held from 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday nights in Chase Palm Park at the Great Meadow Stage. No blanket or chair setup or space claiming until noon on the day of each concert. Have fun and enjoy the music!

For more information, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Concerts

Enjoy this year's Concerts in the Park summer series starting on July 11.