

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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CONTROL YOUR CONTROLLER Turn Irrigation Down this Fall and Winter



Adjust your timer by taking a day off or entering the % found online.

Feel that chill in the air? So do your plants. During fall and winter, our landscapes don't need as much water due to rain, cooler temperatures, shorter days, and plant dormancy. You can simply take a day off your controller schedule, or plug in the Watering % Adjust value found on our website.

The Watering % Adjust is a percentage value of how much water plants need that accounts for changes in weather. The Watering % Adjust value can be found at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise and it is updated

weekly. With this percentage value, you can adjust your sprinkler timer with one simple step. Turn the dial on your controller to the "seasonal adjust," "water budget" or "%" setting and press the up or down arrows to adjust the percentage to match the current Watering % Adjust on our website. This will automatically shorten the run times of your sprinklers or drip so that they are not over-watering your garden. When it begins to warm up and dry out in the spring, the percent value will increase, thus increasing the irrigation run times. We recommend changing your % setting on your controller at least monthly. Always monitor your garden for signs of stress or saturated soil and adjust as needed.

To save water when it rains, simply turn off your timer until your soil has dried out near the roots. For one inch of rain, you can generally leave your timer off for 7-10 days for your thirstiest plants. The City provides free Irrigation Evaluations to homes or businesses to show you how to adjust your sprinkler timer; if you would like to set up an appointment, please call Water Conservation at (805) 564-5460.

GET DISCOUNTED PARKING AT THE WATERFRONT!

You can now purchase a parking permit that allows you to park at all Waterfront lots (except Stearns Wharf) for the remainder of the year for only \$70. If you're looking for an even greater bargain, 2020 permits go on sale December 1 which means you get 13 months of parking for just \$125! For more information visit: SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterfrontParkingPermits.



Buy a Waterfront parking permit now for big savings.

\$150 REBATE

WASH, RINSE, REBATE...

HIGH EFFICIENCY WASHING MACHINE

\$150 REBATE

Let's Save Together
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City of Santa Barbara

SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW PARK HOURS

Fans of City of Santa Barbara parks have a few new rules to keep in mind, all of which focus on making local parks safer and more enjoyable places to recreate. Three changes to the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, approved last month by the City Council, put consistent park hours in place, protect playgrounds as safe children's play areas, and provide guidance on the use of portable barbecues in City parks.

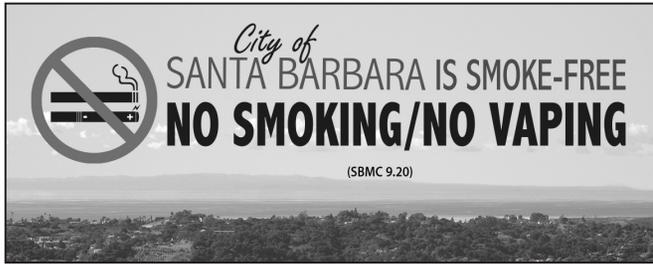


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SANTA BARBARA IS A SMOKE-FREE CITY



Smoking or vaping is restricted in most public areas in the City.

The City's new smoking law (SBMC 9.20) is intended to limit exposure to secondhand smoke, lower the risk of fires, and reduce cigarette butt litter. Cigarette butts are one of the largest sources of litter in public areas. During beach clean-up efforts, volunteers find thousands of cigarette butts on the beach each year. The City Council received hundreds of comments from the public supporting a broad ban of smoking in outdoor public areas. Letters of support were received from environmental organizations, local businesses, public health groups, and youth and family organizations.

In addition to the local law, all state laws regarding smoking, including the prohibition against smoking in places of employment are in effect.

Smoking or vaping is prohibited in the following areas:

- Sidewalks and paseos
- Parks, sports fields, open spaces, and trails
- Beaches, Harbor, and Stearns Wharf
- Public parking lots and structures
- Outdoor restaurant patios before 10 p.m.

Where can you smoke or vape?

Smoking is allowed in your private residence, vehicle, and designated hotel rooms. You can smoke in a private parking lot, if allowed by the business or property owner. Smoking is also allowed on outdoor bar patios.

For more information visit:
SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Smoking

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, DON'T CLOG WITH FOG

Pouring fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain or garbage disposal creates obstructions in underground pipes and creates serious problems like blockages and sewer overflows because FOG can stick to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and under the streets). This holiday season, dispose of fats, oils, and grease properly using these simple tips:



Dispose of fats, oils, and grease properly using our simple tips

- Do not pour cooking oil, greasy food, dairy products, or salad dressing down the drain.
- Use strainers in the sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids.

- Do not use hot water and soap to try to wash grease down the drain. It will eventually cool and harden in the sewer lines.
- Pour cooled grease into a disposable container, cover with a tight fitting lid and place in your freezer. Once contents are frozen, toss in the garbage.
- Mix cooking oils with absorbent material such as coffee grounds or cat litter. Place in a tight lidded container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Wipe or scrape food particles from pots, pans, and dishes into the garbage prior to placing them in the sink for washing.
- Wipe excess fats and grease from pans with a dry paper towel and toss it in the garbage
- If you deep fry, you can legally dispose of the used cooking oil at the Community Hazardous Waste Collection Center at UCSB, 565 Mesa Road.

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS! Jurying for One-Person Arts Shows at the Central Library



The Library seeks local artists for upcoming shows.

Are you a local artist interested in showing your work at the downtown Central Library? The Santa Barbara Art Association will manage the jurying for one-person art shows for the library on Saturday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Central Library, located at 40 E. Anapamu St., with pick up of those pieces from 3 to 4 p.m. that same day.

Artists wishing to see their works hanging in the East or West Faulkner Gallery for one-month solo shows from July 2020 through May 2021 are encouraged to bring in three, ready-to-hang pieces of two-dimensional artwork in the same medium and representational of the artist's style. Jurying criteria will be based on skill with the medium, originality, and presentation.

Free and open to all local artists. Artists with shows in the East or West Faulkner Gallery 24 months prior to July 2019 are not eligible to submit their work.

For more information, call (805) 564-5608.