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SAVE WATER TODAY, TURN YOUR SPRINKLERS OFF

Save Water and Money, Set Sprinkler Timers to "Off"

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With heavy rainfall predicted this weekend, the City of Santa Barbara encourages all residents to turn off sprinkler timers (irrigation controllers) today. Rain is expected to saturate the soil and plants will not need watering for some time. During the rainy season, turn your sprinkler timer to "off" and only turn it on manually if needed. This will save a lot of water. Installing a rain sensor, a simple device that can be added to your sprinkler timer that will automatically shut it off when it rains, helps prevent unnecessary use of water for irrigation.

During fall and winter months plants need less water. There are easy on-line tools (www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water) to help you know exactly how much water your plants need. Please help save water. The City relies on water conservation to stretch our water supplies for use during droughts. Visit the website listed above for more information on saving water, or call 564-5460.

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