

80% OF ALL WATER IN MONTECITO IS USED OUTDOORS.

Your Landscape Is The Best Place To Focus Your Water Conservation Efforts.



Mike's Cool Months Conservation Tips:

- Make sure your irrigation controllers' budgets, or "seasonal % adjustment" on the controller, are set down 50 to 60% until late March as the sun is weaker than in summertime!
- Cut your watering frequency for grass to once a week, and for established shrubs to once every ten days. Make sure they're on separate programs on the controller to have these different frequencies by zone.
- If it rains more than 2/10", keep your controller off until the grass shows it needs water, and then manually water the grass. This should usually last 10 to 14 days. See if you can keep your controller off from one storm to the next throughout the rainy season!
- Most established shrubs and trees need little if any water during the cool, shady winter days. Water is normally not needed during rainy periods.
- Keep your irrigation controllers' clocks off as much as possible from mid November through the end of March.

Mike's Summer Water Conservation Tips:

- When it's foggy, please remember to reduce your scheduled watering days and times by as much as 30%. Please use the weekly water index on SBwater.org; this is important.
- Mow lawns every two weeks instead of weekly to keep them protected from the sun's damaging rays and heat.
- All large, well-established hedges and trees need little summer water. If needed, water only once or twice DEEPLY all summer long!!!
- Call Mike when changing your garden from water-thirsty to water-wise planting; it may save you money.
- Make sure all the shrub and flower zones are on separate controller programs from the grass stations so they are watered much less frequently; shrubs and flowers need 1/3 to 1/2 as much water as the grass.
- To detect leaks, turn off all water sources and check your water meter. If the dial is moving there are leaks.



**Questions: call Mike @ 969-2271
I'll come out for a free checkup!!!**

It Makes Good Sense To Also Conserve Indoor Water!

Make sure the whole family, including children and teenagers, understand how important it is to save water.

Small changes make a big difference. See how much you can save here:



Install aerators on bathroom faucets

saves:

1.2 Gallons

per person/day



Wash only full loads of clothes

saves:

15-45 Gallons

per load



Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving

saves:

10 Gallons

per person/day



Take 5-minute showers instead of 10-minute showers

saves:

12.5 Gallons

with a water efficient shower head



Fix leaky toilets

saves:

30-50 Gallons

per day/toilet



Install high-efficiency shower heads

(saves 1.2 gallons per minute)

saves:

6 Gallons

per average 5-minute shower



Install a high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallons per flush)

saves:

19 Gallons

per person/day



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