



## **The Top Ten Ways to Conserve Water in Your Landscape and Garden in San Bernardino County**

- 1. Select water-efficient plants that grow well in your climate: Sunset Zones 18/19 for Inland Valley cities; Sunset Zone 11 for Yucca Valley, Hesperia, 29 Palms, and Barstow areas; Sunset Zone 3A for mountains.**
- 2. ‘Hydrozone’: Place plants with similar water needs together and drip irrigate all non-turf/groundcover areas. Water to the depth of:**
  - 6”-8” for annuals, perennials, and turf**
  - 8”-12” for shrubs and perennials**
  - 1-1/2’ - 2’ and deeper for trees**
- 3. Water established plants deeply and let roots dry out some between watering.**
- 4. Water your grass based on minutes listed in the ‘Lawn Watering Guide’: <http://ucanr.org/freepubs/docs/8044.pdf>**
- 5. Mix soil amendments (compost, etc.) into sandy and clay soil (add at least 40% by volume and mix evenly to 8” or deeper).**
- 6. Spread mulch around garden plants and trees (wood chips, rock, etc.).**
- 7. Water early in the morning.**
- 8. Control weeds.**
- 9. Avoid over-fertilizing.**
- 10. Sweep walkways and driveways rather than hose them down.**

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