

**BORREGO WATER DISTRICT**  
**SUGGESTED CONSERVATION RESOURCES**  
May 27, 2015

A. Inside a home:

- Take shorter showers, fill the bath tub with less water
- Turn off running water when brushing teeth or washing hands
- Wash only a full load of clothes
- Use an efficient dishwasher instead of hand washing dishes
- See Resources below for many more suggestions

Resources:

- [www.socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com), 888-376-3314
- [www.olivenhain.com/customer-service/save-water-save-money/48-water-saving-tips/](http://www.olivenhain.com/customer-service/save-water-save-money/48-water-saving-tips/)
- [www.sdcwa.org/sites/default/files/saveeveryday-fs.pdf](http://www.sdcwa.org/sites/default/files/saveeveryday-fs.pdf)
- [www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve)
- [www.watersmartsd.com](http://www.watersmartsd.com),

Install efficient clothes washer, dishwashers, toilets, shower heads and “point of use” water heaters or retrofit recirculating systems for an existing water heater

Rebates are available from SDGE – [www.SDGE.com/save-money](http://www.SDGE.com/save-money)  
Free sink aerators, shower heads and the like are available at:  
[www.SDGE.com/kit](http://www.SDGE.com/kit)  
Rebates may also become available from the State of California

B. Outside the home:

- Promptly fix all leaks
  - Resource – BWD Handout: How to read your BWD meter
- Only use a hose with a spray nozzle and a bucket to wash cars or wash your car at a commercial facility in town
- Vacuum patios and driveways instead of washing them down
- Don't allow a hose to run without a shutoff nozzle
- Turn off decorative fountains, streams and water features for the summer and do not refill before November 30, 2015

Pools should have both a cover and a recirculating system  
Rebates from SDGE for variable speed pumps – see above

Do not exchange pool water until after November 30, 2015  
Plan pool repairs for after November 30, 2015

### C. In the Garden

#### Helpful tip:

Vegetation can be removed, replaced or weaned from an existing water schedule:

When removing, where practicable, leave the roots to hold the soil and control dust

When replacing or adding plants do so in late fall when the weather is cooler and less water is need to establish the roots

When weaning an established oleander, tree or shrubs, cut back the plant's foliage by the same percent water will be reduced (i.e. 25% less water = 25% less foliage). This reduces the stress on the plant and is particularly important during warm weather. Water may also be reduced in measured stages.

#### During the summer:

Turn the water off to plants slated to be replaced or removed

Routinely check water wells and repair blow outs

Cap or repair leaking irrigation

Install irrigation timers

Set timer to run over night, finishing close to dawn

Mulch beds to reduce evaporation

Retain a spring watering schedule until daytime temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees. Watch plants for evidence of stress.

Install more efficient watering system to activate when temperatures drop

#### After the summer temperatures drop:

Install and operate more efficient watering systems

Wean plants from summer schedule, keep overnight watering schedule

In place until cold temperatures arrive

Plant or transplant drought resistant plants

Routinely check water wells and repair blow outs, repair leaks

#### After December 10, 2015:

Refill fountains, decorative water features in public areas if equipped with recirculating systems and refill or exchange water in pools, as required

### RESOURCES:

#### D. In the Garden:

Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association (ABDNHA) - Identification, selection, care and use of Native Plants; desert composting & vegetable gardening. Publications available.

ABDNHA – [www.abdnha.org](http://www.abdnha.org), 760-767-3052

Local Master Gardener – Ken Okey, [ksokey@gmail.com](mailto:ksokey@gmail.com), 858- 829-2712

Environmental Horticulture Advisor: Available July 1, 2015  
UCCE San Diego County, Scott Parker,  
IPM & Environmental Issues Program Representative  
858-822-6932, [saparker@ucanr.edu](mailto:saparker@ucanr.edu)

Master Gardener Association of San Diego County  
Hotline: 858-822-6910  
[www.mastergardenerSD.org](http://www.mastergardenerSD.org)  
[www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/solve/email.php](http://www.mastergardenerssandiego.org/solve/email.php)

### LOCAL SERVICES AND ONLINE RESOURCES

There are several local resources to assist ratepayers with reducing water use on vegetation, turf and landscaping. In addition, there are many online resources for those wishing to do their learn more or perform their own work. Below are a few of the local organization that offer mulch, landscape, tree, and removal services and consultations. Please provide information on other service providers to the District at 760-767-5806.

#### Organic Mulch and Clean Vegetation Disposal:

SW corner of Henderson Canyon and DiGorgio Rd.  
On-site Local manager, Scott – 714- 800-0405.  
Owner, Kevin Fretz, Fretz4Green Consulting  
[Kgreenways@aol.com](mailto:Kgreenways@aol.com), Cell 949-380-8301

#### Landscape and Irrigation Design, Vegetation Removal, Grading and Disposal:

B&J Landscaping, Inc. d/b/a B&J Earthworks, 760-767-4212  
[Alanasche@yahoo.com](mailto:Alanasche@yahoo.com)

Fredricks Services, Thomas Fredricks, 760-271-9621,  
Jake Fredricks, 951-970-2199, [jtfredricks@gmail.com](mailto:jtfredricks@gmail.com)  
[www.fredrickslandscape.com](http://www.fredrickslandscape.com)

#### Tree Root Training Specialist, Tree Services, Mulch, Irrigation and Desert Plants;

Juan's Tree Services, [Allin1treecare@gmail.com](mailto:Allin1treecare@gmail.com), 760-215-9398,  
A Borrego Display Garden is located at Circle J, Lot 1.  
Call in advance for a personal tour of the Display Garden

#### Tree and Oleander Trimming, Removal, Stumping:

The Treekeeper, 760-789-9961, 800-991-TREE  
[treekeepr@aol.com](mailto:treekeepr@aol.com)

#### Cactus and Other Desert Plants and Consulting:

Dave Seaborne, 760-767-5719  
Torres Desert Nursery, 760-397-3320  
The Garden, 760-767-4244

Decorative Rock:

Southwest Boulder and Stone, 760-342-5522, southwestboulder.com  
Indio, CA  
J&L Materials, Inc., 760-343-1411, Thousand Palms, CA

E. Handouts, websites and educational video presentations:

Mulching to save water:

<http://www.e-digitaleditions.com/i/178218-sdcwa-2013/92>

Landscape design and plant selection:

San Diego County Landscape Design Manual.pdf by County Dept. of Planning and Land Use, Document can be emailed and provides information on types of plants to use

WaterSmart Landscape Design for Homeowners: Oriented to Coast

<http://landscapemakeover.watersmartsd.org/>

One three hour class for Homeowners which provides an over view of the process of designing their landscape. A 30 minute design coaching session is available.

Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon:

<http://www.thegarden.org/>

Landscape Training is available at <http://www.watersmartsdlandscaping.org/>  
or <http://www.watersmartsd.org/programs/california-friendly-landscape-training-classes/> Offered by San Diego County

Landscape gardening book available at Coachella: <http://www.cvwd.org>,

In search, enter "Lush & Efficient" or try –

[http://www.cvwd.org/conservation/lush\\_book/index.html](http://www.cvwd.org/conservation/lush_book/index.html).

Drought Tolerant Plant selection: <http://topratedplants.azurewebsites.net>

Watering and irrigation tools:

Put in your plants and soils and get a watering schedule:

<http://apps.sandiego.California-Friendly>

A drought watering guide by month for bushes, trees and turf

<http://cvwatercounts.com/outdoor-watering-guide/>

Turf watering guide: Very detailed and useful for Advanced:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fanrcatalog.ucdavis.edu%2Fpdf%2F8044.pdf>

Turf replacement: <http://turfreplacement.watersmartsd.org/>