

# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM



## Population Served:

28,000 people on small water systems or private wells, as well as environmental water users such as fish and wildlife

## Water Source(s):

- Both surface and groundwater sources

The Water Resources Program is not a water supply agency, but rather works in collaboration with other departments, agencies, special districts, and non-profits to solve water resources and environmental issues through long-range water supply planning, water quality protection, and watershed management. We oversee small water systems and private well users.

## Agency Restrictions

In addition to statewide water restrictions, the following rules apply for residents in the unincorporated County that are not served by a water district:

- No landscape irrigation between 10am-5pm unless by drip irrigation, or by hand watering with a quick acting positive shut off nozzle.
- Limit landscape irrigation to two days per week
- Retrofit toilets and showerheads with water efficient devices at time of property sale

**To report water waste, call: (831) 454-3133**

## What can rural residents do to save water?

### Outside

- Use mulch around trees and plants to retain moisture
- Remove overhead sprinkler systems and replace with drip or hand watering
- Make sure all your hoses have a shut off nozzle
- Install soil moisture meters to make sure you aren't watering unnecessarily
- Use hay to supplement dry pastures
- Avoid any outdoor watering from 10am-5pm
- Collect rainwater for outdoor irrigation
- Consider washing your animals, including horses, less frequently

### Inside

- Install efficient toilets, washing machines and shower heads
- Keep showers to 5 minutes or under
- Use buckets to collect warm up water
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily

**Know your usage!** Consider installing a meter on your well to tell you how much water you are using. Knowing your water usage can help you detect leaks quickly, saving your equipment from working too hard and keeping your energy bills down. It can also help you track your conservation progress to let you know if your efforts are working.

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