There are a number of ways to save water outdoors...

* Water landscaping only when needed. Water no more than twice a week unless the weather is hot and dry.

* Check your irrigation system, faucets and hoses regularly and repair any leaks. Make sure your irrigation system is operating as efficiently as possible.

* Water your lawns before 10am or after 4pm so that water is less likely to be lost due to evaporation or wind.

* Water deeply with a soaker hose so that water will penetrate the soil just below the root zone. This will encourage deep, strong roots.

* Consider native and drought tolerant plants and grasses when making landscape choices and adjust your watering to take advantage of the less-thirsty plants.

* Use your local specialists! Contact the Public Works Dept. at 473-5460 to review your irrigation system at no cost.

... and they all start with you!

How to Contact Us:

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San Luis Obispo County has a semi-arid climate, typified by warm, dry summers and cool, moist winters. By planning within the conditions of our local environment (climate, soils, water availability, etc.), we can create "Smart" landscapes that are more appropriate for our area and more resource-efficient. Whether you are designing a new landscape or renovating an old one, you will be able to create a beautiful landscape that satisfies your personal needs, adds value to your property, and conserves valuable resources.

Where to start to make an existing landscape more water efficient.

Replace part or all of the lawn.
Keep just what you need. Replace the rest with unthirsty plants or hardscape, such as patios and decks.

Update your irrigation system.
Replace old sprinklers with drip irrigation or newer, more efficient sprinklers. Install an electronic controller.

Use organic mulches
They'll save water now and improve soil texture for new plantings in the future.

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