

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

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1. Select water-efficient plants that grow well in your climate: Sunset zones (3) Big Bear; (7) Lake Arrowhead; (10) Victorville, (11) Barstow, and (18) - valley cities such as Chino, Ontario, and Redlands. Or use USDA zones for colder areas (6b-9b).
2. 'Hydrozone': Place plants with similar water needs together and irrigate them accordingly (high, medium, low, and very low zones).
3. Let roots of established plants dry out some between irrigations. Water deeply and infrequently slightly below the root zone.
4. Consider replacing your lawn with more drought-efficient plants if you no longer use/enjoy it. If you decide to keep it, water it based on the UC 'Lawn Watering Guide': <http://ucanr.org/freepubls/docs/8044.pdf>
5. Mix soil amendments (compost, etc.) evenly and at least 6 inches deep into sandy and clay soils (40% or more by volume) before planting. Avoid amending tree planting holes.
6. Spread a 2-3" layer of mulch on top of soil around garden plants and trees (wood chips, rock, etc.). Keep it away from tree trunks though!
7. Water early in the morning when evaporation is low.
8. Control weeds.
9. Avoid over-fertilizing.
10. Sweep walkways and driveways rather than hose them down.



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