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Water Wise and Beautiful

With more than half of a typical home's water use going toward landscaping, switching to drought tolerant plants is a great way to conserve water and reduce your water bill. Check inside for plant ideas. Already doing your part? Pick up a free yard sign to show your commitment to conservation.



Are you doing your part to help save water?

Water Wise Plant Ideas

Agapanthus Agapanthus (African lily) are summer-flowering perennial plants, grown for their showy flowers, commonly in shades of blue and purple, but also white and pink. They thrive in any well-drained, sunny position in the garden, or grow these beauties in containers.



Verbena Verbena is a spreading plant ideal for cascading over retaining walls, pots, baskets and window boxes. As long as the soil is extremely well drained, verbena will reward gardeners with countless clusters of small blooms all season, in red, pink, purple, yellow and white.

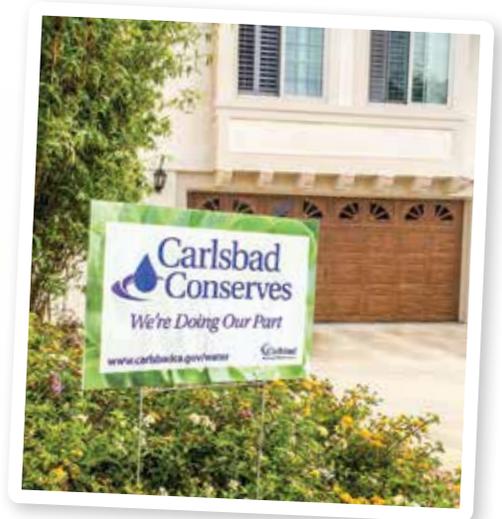
Bougainvillea Bougainvillea is one of the showiest vines you can grow. The large plant practically smothers itself in big clusters of papery bracts. These bracts appear in bold shades of pink, lavender, red, gold or orange and create a display you can see a block away.



Lavender One of the most fragrant flowers you can add to your garden, lavender comes in many varieties and will produce beautiful blooms you can enjoy year round.



African Daisy African Daisy hybrids grow 12-18" high x 12" wide and produce daisy-like flowers from spring through summer. These hybrids have lobed leaves and bloom in white, pink, red, purple, cream and orange.



Show your pride by displaying a "**Carlsbad Conserves**" yard sign, available at the city's Faraday Administration Center, 1635 Faraday Ave.

Summer Safety Tips

While you are enjoying the summer weather, be sure to take a few basic safety precautions:

- When heading out, even to run a quick errand or take a walk in your neighborhood, close and secure all windows and doors.
- Always lock your car and take the keys, even when parked at home.
- Don't hide a key on or in your car.
- Always remove all personal property from inside your car. If you cannot take it with you, leave it at home.
- At the beach or on a picnic? Keep an eye on your property at all times.
- Headed out on two wheels? Remember your bicycle lock and helmet, and always lock up your bicycle.
- Going on a vacation? Call 760-931-2214 at least two weeks before you leave to set up a free home security consultation.





Fun Things to Do

TGIF Concerts in the Parks

Fridays through Aug. 21
6 – 8 p.m., Free

Carlsbad's favorite Friday night tradition celebrates its 30th summer of music, dancing and picnics



under the stars. The series offers crowd-pleasing swing, Latin, blues, funk, Afro-Cuban and more, all with TGIF's famed emphasis on danceable rhythms and beats. Check the city website for bands, parking and shuttle information.



2015 State of the City

Aug. 24, 6 p.m., Free
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium,
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)

Join members of the City Council for a free showing of the 2015 State of the City video, highlighting key projects and initiatives, city priorities and future planning. The presentation will be followed by a question and answers session with the audience.

Snores & S'mores

Aug. 8 – Aug. 9, 5 p.m. – 9 a.m.
\$25 per person; children 3 years and younger are free, Aviara Community Park
760-602-7510

This safe camping experience is fun for both the first time and experienced camper. The evening includes family relays, games and crafts, face painting and a fun zone. The evening ends with popcorn, s'mores and a movie under the stars. The morning includes a continental breakfast and a hike on one of Carlsbad's scenic trails.



Carlsbad Sculpture Garden Exhibition

August – December, Free
Carlsbad Sculpture Garden
2955 Elmwood St.
760-434-2920

Bringing Metal to Life features stainless steel sculptures from San Diego artist Amos Robinson. His work integrates fluid shapes, kinetic motion, reflective light and rich color.



Food for Thought:

A Celebration of Food in Art Exhibit
Sept. 6 – Nov. 8, Free
Cannon Art Gallery
Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane)
760-602-2021

A Celebration of Food in Art explores how artists take the historical tradition of still life painting into new realms by using food as a primary subject matter.



Family Movie Night

Sept. 12, 5 p.m. (movie starts at dusk), Free, Stagecoach Community Park
760-602-7510

Bring a chair, a picnic, the family and enjoy an outdoor movie experience on a big screen in the park. This year's event, sponsored by Carlsbad Children's Dentistry, features *Big Hero 6* (rated PG). There will be a fun zone including games, crafts and activities prior to the start of the movie. Fun zone wristbands can be purchased at the event for \$6.

For a complete, searchable calendar of events, visit www.carlsbadca.gov.

New Water Rules

The following mandatory water conservation rules are now in effect. For a complete list, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/water.

- **Stop water waste** from inefficient landscape irrigation, such as runoff, overspray and misdirected sprinklers.
- **Use a bucket or a hose with a shutoff nozzle** when watering landscaped areas with no irrigation system.
- **Turn off irrigation** during and 48 hours after rain.
- **Don't wash down hard surfaces**, such as driveways, patios, sidewalks and parking lots with a hose, unless necessary for safety or sanitation.
- **If washing a vehicle** at home, use a bucket and hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle.
- **Stop operating** decorative fountains unless they use recirculated water.
- **Repair all water leaks** within 72 hours of notification from the water district.



NEW

Watering Rules



6 p.m. to 10 a.m. ONLY

EVEN Addresses

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri



ODD Addresses



Apartments, Condos and Businesses



*Water no longer than 8 minutes per station.
Tip: Split this time to 4 minutes in the morning and 4 in the evening to avoid runoff.*

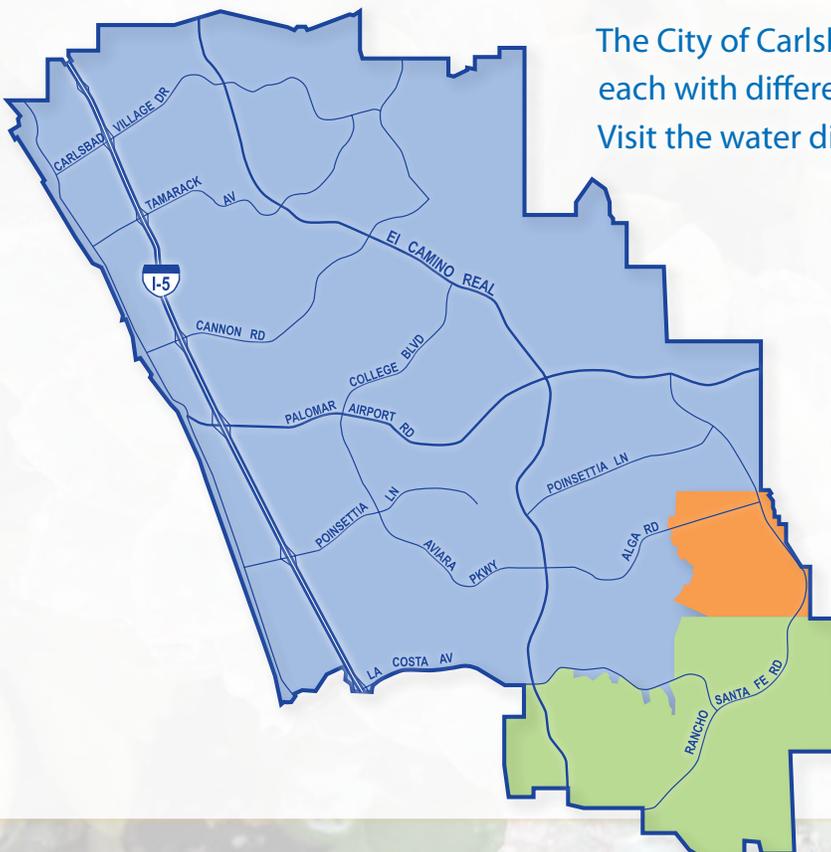
Free WaterSmart Checkup

Sign up for a free home water use survey and get tips specifically tailored to your property, including advice from an irrigation specialist.

WaterSmart Checkup San Diego County
866-883-1332
apply@watersmartcheckup.org



Different Water Districts, *Different Rules*



The City of Carlsbad is served by three water districts, each with different conservation targets and restrictions. Visit the water district websites for current rules.

Carlsbad Municipal Water District
General information 760-438-2722
Billing and service 760-602-2420
www.carlsbadca.gov/water

Olivenhain Municipal Water District
760-753-6466 www.olivenhain.com

Vallecitos Water District
760-744-0460 www.vwd.org

