Residential Water-Use Efficiency
Incentives, Programs & Classes

Using water efficiently is a responsibility that comes along with the benefits of living in our beautiful Mediterranean climate – and it also helps control water costs. As residents, we can all improve how we make the most of this valuable natural resource in and around our homes.

The San Diego County Water Authority and its member agencies offer numerous programs to help achieve water savings, both indoors and outdoors. For residential programs, rebates, incentives and more, go to WaterSmartSD.org.

New! WaterSmart Contractor Incentive Program (WSCIP)
The WaterSmart Contractor Incentive Program (WSCIP) is available to landscape contractors and self-managed sites throughout the San Diego County Water Authority service area. WSCIP is designed to help commercial, public and agricultural property owners improve water-use efficiency in large landscapes, through rebates for irrigation hardware upgrades. The four incentivized items are: smart controllers ($35/station); high efficiency sprinkler nozzles ($6/nozzle); flow sensors ($60); and drip irrigation (20 cents per square foot of landscape.) Bundling these four items leads to the greatest water efficiency. At least two items must be installed to participate in the rebate program. Go to SDWaterSmartCIP.com or call (888) 521-9763 with questions.

WaterSmart Checkups
Free WaterSmart Checkups are a great opportunity to receive site-specific recommendations for saving water from certified irrigation professionals. The pros provide ideas and suggestions; residents get to decide if and when to implement them. Water savings can top 20 percent. Go to WaterSmartCheckup.org.

WaterSmart Landscape Makeover Classes
Learn how to upgrade your landscape by replacing high-water-use turf with beautiful, low-water options by taking advantage of free resources:

- Landscape Makeover Series – This four-class series coached by local landscape professionals focuses on each participant’s landscape to create actionable designs, planting and irrigation plans to turn turf areas into gardens that thrive in San Diego County’s climate.
- Design for Homeowners Workshop – A three-hour version of the four-class makeover series.
- Landscape Makeover Videos On Demand – This video series takes homeowners step-by-step through the process of creating water-efficient landscapes.

Details are at WaterSmartSD.org.
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The incentives below are provided through SoCal Water$mart, a region-wide program that offers rebates for devices that improve water-use efficiency at residential and commercial properties. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### INDOOR

**High-Efficiency Clothes Washers**
Residents may qualify for rebates starting at $85 for the purchase of a high-efficiency clothes washer from a list of qualified products. An additional rebate may be available from San Diego Gas & Electric. High-efficiency washers, known as HEWs, use 55 percent less water and 25 percent less energy than conventional clothes washers. Go to sdge.com for more information.

**Premium High-Efficiency Toilets**
Homeowners may qualify for rebates starting at $40 for purchasing premium high-efficiency toilets that use 1.1 gallons per flush from the list of qualified products. Toilets account for nearly 30 percent of a typical home’s indoor water use. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for more information.

### OUTDOOR

**Turf Replacement Program**
Residents in the Water Authority’s service area are eligible for the Turf Replacement Program, which offers rebates for replacing grass with landscapes that incorporate water-saving plants, irrigation system upgrades and rainwater capture. Rebates start at $2 per square foot for qualifying projects. Program funding is limited and rebate amounts are subject to change without notice. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for program details or call at 888.376.3314 with questions.

**Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers**
Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers automatically adjust the irrigation schedule to account for changing weather, soil conditions and plant types. Approved weather-based irrigation controllers are eligible for rebates starting at $80 per controller for landscapes less than one acre and $35 per station for larger landscapes. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for program details.

**Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles**
Rotating sprinkler nozzles apply water more slowly and uniformly than conventional nozzles to prevent over-watering and encourage healthy plant growth. These nozzles can use up to 20 percent less water than conventional fan spray heads. Rebates start at $2 per nozzle. Participants must buy at least 30 nozzles from the list of qualified products to be eligible for rebates. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for program details.

**Rain Barrel and Cisterns**
Rainwater harvesting is the collection and reuse of rainwater for lawns and gardens. Collecting rainwater in rain barrels and cisterns minimizes the amount of water flowing into storm drains, sewer systems and local waterways. Plants and microbes prefer rainwater because it is naturally “soft” and free of chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals. Rebates start at $35 per rain barrel (up to 2 barrels) or $250-$350 for a cistern, depending on capacity. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for program details.

**Soil Moisture Sensor Systems**
Soil moisture sensor systems detect water needs by gauging the moisture present in soil. The systems work in tandem with irrigation controllers to start and stop water systems based on the water needs of the soil (as defined by the homeowners’ settings). Rebates start at $80 for a single soil moisture sensor system for landscapes less than one acre and $35 per irrigation station for larger sites. Go to SoCalWaterSmart.com for program details.