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Atascadero Mutual Water Company

June 2010



Water Watch

61%

The percent of Atascadero homeowners who use 20,000

gallons or less in June.

Average* Use per Single Family Service (1000's gallons)

June	20
July	24

*Single Family Residence 2004-2008 average usage.

Save Water, Save Money, and Save Time in Your Landscape

Did you know that converting a typical 1,500-square-foot lawn to a water-conserving landscape can save over 38,000 gallons of water a year and 27 hours of your mowing and maintenance time?*

AMWC has implemented six landscape rebate programs to help you reduce irrigation and save money. For more information and to participate, visit www.amwc.us or call 461-7217 x17.

July Watering Guidelines

Irrigation Type	June		
	Min	Cycles*	Days
Pop-up Spray	5	3	3
Rotor Spray	10	3	3
Drip Irrigation	45-60	1	1

*Cycle Duration - how many times each station is programmed to water to maximize soil water absorption and minimize water run-off. Typical pop-up spray heads should water 3-5 minutes, and rotary/impacts from 6-14 minutes.

Landscape Rebates Include

Program	Rebate Amount	Max Rebate
Turf Conversion to Water-Conserving Landscapes	\$0.25/sf	\$500
Multi-Stream Rotary Nozzles	\$3/nozzle	\$375
Smart Irrigation Controllers & Soil Moisture Sensors	\$100	\$100
Rain Sensors	\$15	\$15
Contact Conservation Staff for Landscape Rebate Program Terms and Conditions at 461-7217 x22 or email conservation1@amwc.us .		

Sustainable Landscape Workshop Series

AMWC is partnering with the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden to bring you this series of five free workshops where residents will learn how to maximize outdoor water efficiency and prevent high summer water bills. Come to one workshop or take them all.

Register early...seating is limited.

For more information, please contact Dave at (805) 541-1400 x 304, or email dsetterlund@slobg.org.

Location:	SLO Botanical Garden	Atascadero
Room:	Oak Glen Pavilion	Lake Pavilion Gronstrand Room
Time:	7:00 - 8:30 pm	7:00 - 8:30 pm



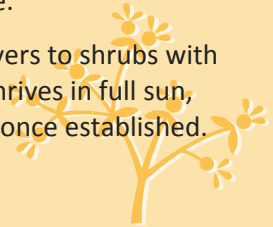
SLO Botanical Garden Dates	Atascadero Lake Pavilion Dates	Topic	Speaker
Monday, July 12	Monday, July 19	Drip Irrigation	Aaron Huxley, Manager, Ewing Irrigation
Monday, July 26	Monday, August 02	Appropriate Irrigation for SLO County Landscapes	Suzanne Morrison, Owner, Earthscapes Landscape Design, Installation, & Maintenance
Monday, August 09	Monday, August 16	Selecting Plants for Our Mediterranean Climate	Todd Davidson, Owner, Sage Ecological Landscapes, Eco Gardens, & Nursery

Great Plants for Great Gardens

(Look for the corresponding number in photos)

- 1. Moonshine yarrow** (*Achillea 'Moonshine'*) - A sturdy, dependable perennial that thrives in hot, dry climates, full sun, moderate to occasional water. Silvery gray leaves and intense sulfur yellow flowers in late May and early June. Attractive to butterflies, less attractive to deer.
- 2. Leather leaf sedge** (*Carex buchananii*) - Slender upright sedge with rusty bronze or coppery foliage. Requires full sun to part shade (requires more water in full sun).

- 3. Bush anemone** (*Carpenteria californica*) - Evergreen shrub native to California, lightly fragrant camellia-like flowers, excellent choice for dry shade.
- 4. Rockrose** (*Cistus* spp.) - Groundcovers to shrubs with white to pink flowers in mid-spring. Thrives in full sun, good drainage, with little or no water once established.



FREE Home Water Surveys—Helping You Manage Your Water use

Evaluating and modifying irrigation schedules and checking for irrigation leaks can result in significant water savings, which saves you money.

AMWC customers are invited to participate in our highly successful Home Water Survey Program. The program is free of charge and is designed to help our customers conserve water and manage their landscape irrigation more efficiently. Since 1997, over 990 residents have participated in this beneficial program.

During your survey, AMWC's water conservation staff will:

- ◆ Inspect each irrigation station

- ◆ Create a site-specific irrigation schedule
- ◆ Provide you with a checklist of improvements for your irrigation system
- ◆ Demonstrate how to read your water meter
- ◆ Show you how to program your irrigation controller, and
- ◆ Qualify you for appropriate landscape rebates

Each appointment is tailored to meet your needs; a typical appointment takes 90 minutes. We encourage you to take advantage of this free program by calling 461-7217, x22, or email conservation1@amwc.us.