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Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership Newsletter Spring | 2022



March 14–20, 2022
Fix a Leak Week

Did you know?

Household leaks waste
1 TRILLION gallons nationwide?

[Watch this clip](#)
to learn more.

**Chase down those
leaks!**
Take the
WaterSense
[10 minute challenge](#)

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**DETECT AND
CHASE DOWN
LEAKS**



2022 Eco-Friendly Garden Tour May 14th



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2022 Eco-Friendly Garden Tour - Online

by Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership

[Register](#)

The 2022 Eco-Friendly Garden Tour will take place on **Saturday, May 14th, 2022**. The tour will feature eco-friendly gardens throughout Sonoma and Marin counties.

These continuous drought conditions year after year have taught us the importance of planting a landscape that can tolerate such dry conditions.

This year's tour will be [online](#), and be featured on the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership website. The gardens on the tour this year will be native focused and include high-definition videos of each landscape.

[Click here for more information](#)

Santa Rosa Water Upcoming Events



Organic Food Gardening Class

Saturday, April 2nd, 10am – 11am



Summer fruits and veggies are intensive users of soil nutrients and water, so good soil preparation is key. Did you know that boosting soil health also reduces pest problems and saves water? Join us for this informative class to get the most out of your garden while keeping the soil healthy. We'll discuss no-till techniques that work. Plus, we'll show you why you should give insects the benefit of the doubt before you reach for a pesticide. Presented by the fabulous Suzanne Bontempo, a certified Integrated Pest Management specialist with over 20 years of professional gardening experience.

You will learn how to:

- *Grow for year-round harvest*
- *Increase yields*
- *Improve soil health*
- *Water & fertilize efficiently*

[Click here to register for all Sant Rosa Water events](#)

WaterSmart Garden Maintenance Workshop

Santa Rosa Water and Daily Acts are excited to partner with Executive Director of the Habitat Corridor Project, April Owens, for a morning of hands-on learning on how to maintain a WaterSmart landscape.

Saturday, March 19th, 10am-11:30am

Join us for this [FREE workshop](#) and learn about tried and true low-water use plants that can be incorporated into your own landscape. Leave with skills to make garden

maintenance easy and your plants healthy, including:

- How to prune various plant structures.
- Which plants and when to prune them.
- How to take advantage of Santa Rosa Water's Green Exchange Rebate.

WaterSmart Insect Investigation Workshop: A Bilingual Program for All Ages



Butterflies, grasshoppers, wiggly worms, and beetles! They're in a Water Smart garden helping to keep our environment healthy. Join Santa Rosa Water and Daily Acts with bilingual instruction from LandPath's expert staff for a FREE family-friendly journey through Bayer Farm's two-acre community garden in the heart of Roseland. We'll discuss the benefits of a diverse landscape and how you can create and encourage habitat in your own garden.

[This program](#) is for all ages and will be presented in both English and Spanish!

Saturday, May 14th, 10:00am - noon

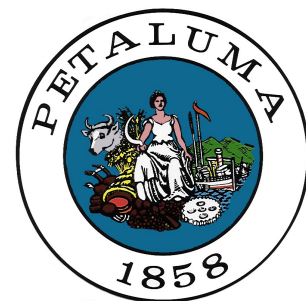
Bayer Farm, 1550 West Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95407

City of Petaluma Composting 101 Webinar

Join the City of Petaluma and Daily Acts for
Lets Talk Dirty: Composting 101 with Lori Caldwell

Have you heard of California's new law, SB 1383?

Residents and businesses are now required to keep food and compostable materials out of our landfills in an effort to reduce the impacts of climate change.



Do you want to learn how you can compost at home and help to cultivate healthy soils? Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as leaves and food scraps, into a valuable fertilizer that can enrich soil and plants. Composting is a great regenerative practice that increases soil health, retains water, and sequesters carbon.

This introductory webinar will be led by Compost Gal's Master Composter, Lori Caldwell, who will be going over the various ways you can start composting in your very own backyard or garden!

Thursday, April 14th, 2022 5:30pm- 7:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

Does your landscape need a water-wise update? Garden Sense can help!

Have questions about converting your lawn into a low water use landscape? Or want help with your irrigation system?

Sign up for a free Garden Sense consultation!

Garden Sense consultants can guide you with the following:

- Choosing the right plants for the right location
- Switching from sprinklers to drip irrigation
- Tuning up your irrigation system and checking for leaks

The Garden Sense program is free and provided by the UC Maser Gardener Program of Sonoma County. Garden Sense Consultants have training in water management, irrigation systems, site assessment, low water use plants and sustainable garden practices.

To schedule your Garden Sense Consultation, call 707-565-3026

Or click
here

To learn more about the Garden Sense program

Click here

Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper online training (QWEL) begins March 28th

Do you or a landscaper you know work in Sonoma or Marin County and would like to take your landscape skills up a notch? Consider becoming a Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper professional (QWEL). We have an exciting class starting in March.

Click here for more
information



**FREE* CLASS FOR PROFESSIONALS IN
SONOMA & MARIN COUNTIES**

Sponsored by the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership

Get **QWEL certified online** this spring 2022!
And become a recognized industry leader in **sustainable
landscaping and irrigation.**

Instruction Begins Monday, March 28th
2 weeks, Monday – Thursday (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.)



<https://www.qwel.net/pub/class/304>

QWEL Exam will be offered the week of April 11th

**Access to the web-based Zoom application required. Minimal exam fee applies.*

Space is limited! Sign up today!



Have a question about QWEL? Email: QWEL@calwep.org | Call: (916) 475-1203



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