

Manager's Column

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### No Grass, More Cash!

*The mission of the Nipomo Community Services District is to provide its customers with reliable, quality, and cost-effective services now and in the future.*

You may be aware that the largest water consumption is outside where landscaping is excessively being watered. You can see some significant water savings if you cut down your irrigation or turn it off all together.

The District has also cut landscape watering and we wanted to share some of the results we have seen.



Ivy at the District office before shutting off irrigation.



Ivy after shutting off irrigation.

The District has shut off irrigation to our ivy groundcover for over one month and, as you can see, there is very little change in the look of the ivy – minor yellowing only. We are saving over 400 gallons of water a week by turning off the irrigation to our ivy. That adds up to over 1,800 gallons saved per month – or about \$15 less on the water bill.

We want to reiterate that customers can see some significant savings, both water and money savings, by reducing watering or shutting off irrigation completely. And you may be surprised how little the appearance of your landscape will change.

Generally, for every 1,000 sq/ft of lawn a customer removes they can save approximately \$500 annually on their water bill – not just once, but year after year!

We also want to once again thank customers for their continued conservation efforts. District-wide water use was **down 22% in August!** Customers are doing their part and more during this State-wide drought and we are closer to our reduction goal of 30% - keep up the great work!

The District's website provides helpful tips and resources. We encourage you to visit our site at [www.ncsd.ca.gov](http://www.ncsd.ca.gov).

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, we want to hear from you. Feel free to contact us at [info@ncsd.ca.gov](mailto:info@ncsd.ca.gov).

Until next time...

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