

Water Conservation

Famous for:

Generating water-district lists of ways homeowners can reduce water consumption— fixing leaks, installing drip irrigation, spreading mulch, etc.,etc..

Flip Side of the Coin:

Some people are doing a fantastic job of conserving water. I have over 1000 square feet of property that I've never irrigated in 20 years

(pictured below). Ironically, if I lived in a city I would be penalized for this. Ironically and counter-intuitively, as people get better at conserving water, their water bills go up because there's less water usage to charge for. Next year's budget for the Sonoma County Water Agency (I live in Sonoma County) includes a 5 percent rate increase, prompted by a decrease in the amount of water being used. One local agency in Sonoma County is considering a 43% increase in water bills, due directly to water conservation. Where's the incentive to conserve?

