



Socorro SWCD

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Spring 2018 Newsletter

Cost Share Assistance

It's June, and that means triple digit temperatures, barbeques, and a fresh round of funding from the Socorro SWCD to help you with your water saving projects. Whether you are a farmer or live in town, we can assist you with survey, design and financial parts of approved conservation projects. Below is a list of some of the items we cover:

Agricultural Improvements:

- * Laser Land Leveling
- * Concrete Ditch Lining
- * Underground Irrigation Pipe
- * Drip Irrigation
- * Solar conversion on livestock wells



Residential Improvements:

- * Drip Irrigation Systems
- * Low Flow/Dual Flush Toilets
- * Rain Collection Systems

Do you want to install one of these improvements, but don't know where to begin? Simply call us and set up an appointment to visit your property. We can guide you through installing a drip irrigation system for your flowerbeds, or survey your alfalfa field and prepare a computerized cut/fill map for your contractor. As always, there is no charge for any of our services.



BUGS??

We have received a few calls recently from concerned land-owners about beetles that they have seen “swarming” on their trees and shrubs. From the pictures we have received, we have identified the critter as the Common Red Soldier Beetle. Despite their name, they are not only harmless to you and your landscaping, they can actually be beneficial, as they eat the larva of other potentially harmful insects. So Soldier on, and pay no mind to the little guys.



Help Your Trees, Shrubs and Flowers Survive The Heat Wave

Water your vegetation early in the morning (7:00 AM or earlier). The soil where the root zone is will be moist and the plants will be able to absorb the water. The worst time to water is in the middle of the day. More of the water will evaporate than gets into the soil for your plants to use.

If you have a drip irrigation system, you can also set your timer to water twice a day. You can reduce the watering time slightly and set for 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM as an example. If you do not have a drip system, we have design and cost share assistance available.

When you are planting new shrubs, trees or grass, pay attention to the label. It will tell you if the vegetation likes full sun, partial sun or shade.

Use mulch. Placing mulch around each tree or shrub will help prevent the water from evaporating as fast and keeps the soil temperature cooler. You can use decorative mulch from home improvement stores or nurseries or you can simply use hay or tree branches that you have shredded/mulched. Mulch also prevents weed growth.



Important Dates

June

- 11 - Board Meeting @ 12 noon
- 21 - Summer Solstice

July

- 4 - Office closed in observance of Fourth of July
- 9 - Board Meeting @ 12 noon

August

- 13- Board Meeting @ 12 noon
- 31 - Socorro County Fair

September

- 1 & 2 - Socorro County Fair
- 3 - Office closed in Observance of Labor Day
- 10 - Board Meeting @ 12 noon

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