



# WINTER WATERING OF YOUR LANDSCAPE

During the winter months, November through March, most plants, trees, bushes and grasses become dormant. They require very little, if any, watering.

Dormant plants usually sustain until spring due to rain, snow, frost and dew. Generally, unless it is a warm and very dry winter, regular watering on a daily basis is not needed. During the extreme cold weather it is a good idea to turn off the water supply valve to your sprinkler system. Leave the sprinkler timer on and let it continue to open and close the valves normally. This will allow water in the valves to escape and provide space for expansion should temperatures drop low enough to freeze below ground level.

If your landscape must be watered during the winter, the best times to do so is between 9 am and 4 pm. This is the warmest time of the day. Watering too early or too late when temperatures drop can cause ice to form on streets, sidewalks, gutters and driveways, making hazardous conditions for pedestrians and cars.

For additional information on using water more efficiently, please visit the City website at [www.cityofhesperia.us](http://www.cityofhesperia.us). For assistance with an irrigation timer program or to schedule a water audit, please call the City Water Conservation Specialist at (760) 947-1412.

Thank you,

*City of Hesperia*  
Water Conservation Department