

Saving Water

INDOORS Every drop counts!

Conserving water is easy; it starts with us changing our habits!



TAKE 5 MINUTE SHOWERS:

Educate all family members to do so.

saves 5-10 GALLONS a day per person.



PURCHASE A LOW-FLOW SHOWER-HEAD:

Uses 2-2 1/2 gallons of water per minute.

saves up to 15 GALLONS a day per person.



TURN OFF THE FAUCET WHILE BRUSHING YOUR TEETH OR SHAVING:

saves 5-10 GALLONS per day.



FIX ALL FAUCET LEAKS:

saves 15-20 GALLONS per day.



CHECK YOUR TOILET FOR LEAKS:

Put a few drops of food coloring into the tank, wait thirty minutes. If the food coloring seeps into the bowl you have a leak.

saves 30-500 GALLONS per day.



WASH ONLY FULL LOADS IN THE WASHING MACHINE:

Reduce your laundry load by one load per week.

saves 30 GALLONS per load.



WASH ONLY FULL LOADS IN THE DISH WASHER:

Reduce your dishwasher load by one load per week.

saves 15 GALLONS per load.



CAPTURE THE TAP WATER:

While you wait for the water to get hot in the shower or sink, catch the flow in a bucket or bowl. Use this water on your house plants or in your garden.

saves 200-300 GALLONS each month.



AVOID TAKING BATHS:

If you must, fill your bathtub only halfway: a full bath tub uses 36 gallons of water.

saves 18 GALLONS per person.



REPLACE FIXTURES:

If the fixtures in your home were installed before 1992, there's a good chance you could save water by replacing them.

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OUTDOORS Less is more.

60% of household water is used for landscaping.



CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

Repair leaks, replace damaged sprinkler heads, and adjust sprinklers to avoid over-spray.

saves 500 GALLONS per month.



DO NOT HOSE DOWN DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, STAIRS OR WALKWAYS:

Use a broom or blower instead.

saves 150 GALLONS each time.



DON'T LEAVE THE HOSE RUNNING WHILE WASHING YOUR CAR:

Use a nozzle with an automatic shut off and a sponge and pail of soapy water.

saves 10 GALLONS per day.



PUT A LAYER OF MULCH AROUND TREES AND PLANTS:

2-3 inches of mulch will help hold the moisture in the ground and cool the root systems. Leave a six inch space between mulch and plant.

saves 750 GALLONS per month.



SET YOUR LAWN MOWER BLADES HIGHER:

Set blade heights at 2 or 3 inches. Longer grass blades will reduce evaporation and shade the roots.

saves 500 GALLONS per month.



STEP ON YOUR GRASS AND SEE IF IT SPRINGS BACK WHEN YOU LIFT YOUR FOOT:

If the grass springs back, no need to water today.

saves 750-1500 GALLONS per month.



USE A POOL COVER FOR YOUR SWIMMING POOL:

This can reduce evaporation.

saves 30 GALLONS per day.



INSTALL A DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

A low-volume water irrigation system uses less water.

saves over 250 GALLONS a month.



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IF RAIN IS IN THE FORECAST:

Turn off sprinklers two days before the rain and keep them turned off two days after.



IN THE WINTER:

Water your landscapes only one day a week.



WATER YOUR LANDSCAPES THREE DAYS A WEEK:

Water for no more than 10 minutes at each watering station.

Increase water conservation efforts and decrease water consumption.

California is in a drought of epic proportions. In 2014 we set new records for the driest year with the highest temperatures. Reservoirs are still at near-record lows and it will take a lot more than rain and snow to replenish California's water supplies.

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