

Water Conservation Tips

- Use a broom to clean your driveways and sidewalks, not the hose.
- Report sprinkler or irrigation system that causes runoff onto adjacent properties, walkways or roadways.
- Instead of running the water while washing the dishes, incorporate using a dishwashing bin for dishwashing.
- To wash vegetables use a small bowl or bin of water rather than excessively running the water for rinsing.
- Take a shorter shower - *every minute you shorten your shower can save up to 75 gallons per month!*
- Don't run the water while you are brushing your teeth.
- Stop the sink and use a basin of water for shaving rather than letting the water run.
- Only run the dishwasher and the clothes washer with full loads.
- Flush less.
- If you have an older model toilet, place a brick or a filled and sealed plastic jug in the tank (away from the working parts).
- Report leaky faucets, plumbing joints, irrigation systems, and/or running toilets immediately - *a faucet that drips just five times per minute may be wasting more than 260 gallons per year!*
- Wash vehicles with a hand-held bucket or hose fitted with shut-off nozzle.
- Install a low flow shower head.

Saving Water

OUTDOORS Every Drop Counts



60% of the water your household uses is for landscaping.



CHECK YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

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

saves 5 - 10 GALLONS per day.



DO NOT HOSE DOWN DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS, STAIRS OR WALKWAYS (it's illegal!):

Use a broom instead.

saves 150 GALLONS each time.



PUT A LAYER OF MULCH AROUND TREES AND PLANTS:

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

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 (it's required!):

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 per month.



REMOVE YOUR WATER-THIRSTY LAWN:

Replace grass lawns with drought tolerant plants. Reserve your rebate at www.socalwatersmart.com today!

saves 600 GALLONS per month.

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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 5 - 10 GALLONS per day.



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 in the tank, wait thirty minutes. If the food coloring seeps into the bowl you have a leak.

saves 30-500 GALLONS a day.



WASH ONLY FULL LOADS IN THE WASHING MACHINE:

Reduce your laundry load by one load per week.

saves 30 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.