



*Do your part to save
20 gallons per person per day!*



INDOOR TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

TIP LEGEND	No cost - Easy to do	Low cost - Some effort required	Higher cost - Most effort required
Conservation Tip			Estimated Savings
Run the dishwasher only when full			2-4.5 gallons per load
Don't leave water running when rinsing dishes			2.5 gallons per minute
Turn off water when brushing teeth			2 gallons per minute
Shorten showers			2.5 gallons per minute
Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket			1.6 gallons per flush
Wash only full loads of clothes			15-50 gallons per load
Fix leaky toilets			30-50 gallons per day per toilet
Fix leaky faucets			15-20 gallons per day per leak
Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets			4.7 gallons per day
Replace older, inefficient clothes washers			20-30 gallons per load
Replace older, high-volume flushing toilets			2.2-3.8 gallons per flush

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Landscape Irrigation

Conservation Tip	Estimated Savings
Water only before 6 a.m. and after 8 p.m. to reduce evaporation and interference from wind	20-25 gallons per day
Don't Overwater!	15-25 gallons per minute; up to 250 gallons per cycle
1) Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1-3 minutes, or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week. Use the watering index at http://bewaterwise.com/ .	
2) Water only after the top inch of soil is dry.	
3) Reset irrigation controllers and replace batteries in the spring and fall.	
Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff.	15-25 gallons per day
Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads.	20 gallons per day per leak
Add 2" to 3" of mulch around trees & plants to reduce evaporation.	20-30 gallons per day
Install water-efficient drip irrigation system for trees, shrubs, and flowers to get water to the plant's roots more efficiently.	20-25 gallons per day
Upgrade to a "smart irrigation controller" that automatically adjusts watering time for hotter weather, and shuts down the system when it rains.	40 gallons per day
Replace a portion of lawn with beautiful native and California Friendly plants.	33-60 gallons per day depending on climate

Other Outdoor Ideas

Conservation Tip	Estimated Savings
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.	20 gallons per day
Adjust your pressure reducer (if you have one) to keep pressure between 40 and 60 p.s.i.	Varies
Don't leave the hose running while washing your car. Get a self closing nozzle for your hose.	20 gallons per minute
Repair and leaks around pool and spa pumps.	20 gallons per day per leak
Repair leaking hose bibs.	15-20 gallons per day per leak
Install covers on pool and spas to reduce evaporation.	30 gallons per day
Install pressure reducer if your pressure is greater than 80 p.s.i.	Varies

For additional water conservation information visit the following web sites:

www.bewaterwise.com and www.h2ouse.org