

Water Saving Tips

California's main water sources have been severely impacted by record dry conditions. Talk to your family and friends about saving water, and help conserve by following these easy tips:

- ◆ Turn off the water when you brush your teeth and save as much as 3 gallons per day
- ◆ Shorten your showers by one or two minutes and save 5 gallons per day
- ◆ Fix leaky faucets and save 20 gallons per day
- ◆ Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher and save 300 to 800 gallons a month
- ◆ Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors and save 500 to 800 gallons per month
- ◆ Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator to beat the wasteful habit of running tap water to cool it for drinking and save 200 to 300 gallons a month
- ◆ Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks and save 150 gallons or more each time
- ◆ Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket and save up to 200 gallons of water a month
- ◆ Water your yard only before 8 a.m. to reduce evaporation and interference from wind and save 25 gallons per day
- ◆ Install a smart sprinkler controller and save 40 gallons per day
- ◆ Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads and save up to 500 gallons per month
- ◆ Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end and save as much as 150 gallons each time
- ◆ Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow down evaporation and save as much as 1,500 gallons a month
- ◆ Use a pool cover to cut down on evaporation to keep your pool clean and save about 1,000 gallons a month
- ◆ Don't water your lawn on windy days. There is too much evaporation. This can waste up to 300 gallons in one watering.