

Make water conservation a way of life!

Indoor Tips for Residents

No cost, easy to do

- Take shorter showers—2.5 gallons/minute*
- Turn off water when shaving and brushing teeth—2 gallons/minute*
- Wait for full loads to wash clothes—20 gallons/load
- Fill your dishwasher instead of washing each dish by hand and only run the dishwasher when full—2 to 4 gallons/load
- Don't let the water run when rinsing dishes if washing by hand—2.5 gallons/minute
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket—1.6 gallons/flush

No or low cost, more effort required

- Fix leaky toilets—30 to 50 gallons/day/toilet*
- Fix leaky faucets—15 to 20 gallons/day/faucet
- Install aerators on all faucets—15 gallons/day*

Higher cost, most effort required

- Replace inefficient washer with High Efficiency Washing Machine—25 to 35 gallons/day**
- Replace older toilets with High Efficiency Toilets (HETs)—25 gallons/day

* Contact the water district for free showerheads, shower timers, and faucet aerators

** The water district provides rebates for High Efficiency Washing Machines

For more information, visit watersavings.org or call 408-630-2554.



Outdoor Tips for Residents

No cost, easy to do

- Water before 5 AM instead of midday—20 gallons/day
- Adjust your irrigation schedule throughout the year, cut your irrigation to a third in the fall and turn off during most winters—20+ gallons/day*
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks—10 to 15 gallons/minute

No or low cost, more effort required

- Apply 2" to 3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce moisture loss—20 gallons/day
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff—20 to 25 gallons/day*
- Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads—10 gallons/minute

Higher cost, most effort required

- Replace lawn with a water-wise garden—50 to 60 gallons/day/1,000 square feet
- Install drip irrigation for trees, shrubs, and plants—20 gallons/day
- Update to a weather based irrigation controller that automatically adjusts watering times based on local weather conditions—30 to 40 gallons/day
- Install a graywater laundry-to-landscape system—17 gallons/day**
- Install covers on pool and spas to reduce evaporation—30 gallons/day
- Repair pool leaks—can be over 200 gallons/day

* Sign up for a FREE Water Wise House Call to find out how

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