



# WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



## INDOORS

- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth or shaving and save between 6 and 13 gallons of water per day.
- Cut your shower time by 2 minutes and save 6 gallons of water, for more water savings, install a low flow shower head and turn off the water while lathering.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and wash one less load per week. Clothes washers use about 30 gallons per load which means the less loads you wash, the more water you can save. Consider purchasing front load washers, which use 1/3 less water than top load washers.
- Run the dishwasher only when full and wash one less load per week. Dishwashers use about 15 gallons of water per load, which means the less loads you wash, the more water you can save.
- Fix leaky faucets. A leaky faucet wastes between 15 to 20 gallons per day.
- Capture your tap water. While you wait for your tap water to warm up, use a container to catch the water and use it to water house plants or in the garden.
- Replace your toilet with a water saving, ultra low flush model. Doing this can save about 14,000 of water per year.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- On June 4, 2008, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a statewide drought, the first one in over 16 years.
- The Environmental Protection Agency sponsors a program known as Water Sense that is similar to the Energy Star Program. When shopping for water related items, look for the Water Sense label in order to choose water-efficient projects. Log onto [www.epa.gov/WaterSense/](http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/) for more information and to find a listing of products.
- Los Angeles County has recently adopted a Countywide Water Supply and Conservation Alert, which urges residents, businesses and cities to achieve a 15 to 20 percent reduction in overall water demand.

## MORE INFORMATION

**Be Water Wise:** [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com)  
Visit this online resource sponsored by local water providers to find even more tips on how you can conserve water.

**Cal Am Water:** [www.amwater.com/caaw/](http://www.amwater.com/caaw/)  
1-888-422-5269  
Visit Cal Am water online or call for additional water conservation tips and current conservation alerts.

**Metropolitan Water District:** [www.mwdh2o.com](http://www.mwdh2o.com)  
1-213-217-6000  
Visit the MWD online or call for additional water conservation tips and information.



## OUTDOORS

- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it at home. Car washes typically consume about 45 gallons of water per car as opposed to the 80 to 140 gallons of water consumed when washing a car at home.
- Equip your garden hose with a self closing nozzle and save between 8 and 18 gallons of water per minute.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off driveways and walkways and save 150 gallons of water each time.
- Water your yard only before 8 a.m. in order to reduce evaporation and wind interference. Doing this can save between 20 and 25 gallons of water per day.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads. Doing this can save about 500 gallons of water per month.
- Use a pool cover to cover your pool and reduce water evaporation. Doing this can save about 30 gallons of water per day.

