



Water Conservation Tips

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The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is committed to supporting and encouraging both water and energy conservation throughout the state.

Did you know that almost 20 percent of electricity and more than 30 percent of natural gas is used to treat, transport, and use water? It's a win-win situation – when you save water, you save energy, too!

Below are some tips for you and your family to save water and energy. By working together, we can do our part to save the environment.

- **Install water-saving devices.** You can save water by installing low-flow showerheads, high-efficiency toilets, and kitchen/bathroom faucet aerators. Check with your utility – you may be able to get these devices at a discount or for free.
- **Take shorter showers.** Did you know that by reducing your shower by 1-2 minutes, you'll save 5 gallons?
- **Turn water off while brushing your teeth.** Fill an Earth-friendly cup with water to rinse and save 3 gallons.
- **Fix leaky faucets.** Save up to 20 gallons a day. Yes, every drop counts!
- **Wash a full load of laundry.** Save 15 to 50 gallons per load.
- **Use a broom instead of a hose.** Pick up a broom and sweep your driveway instead of using a hose. You can save as much as 100 gallons of water; plus, it's good exercise!
- **Water before 8 a.m.** By watering before 8 a.m. you can save about 25 gallons of water. Watering early reduces evaporation and puts that water to work helping your plants grow. Check with your city/county and water service provider for your area's water-use restrictions.

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