



Water Conservation Tips

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is committed to supporting and encouraging mindful water and energy use throughout California.

Did you know that almost 20 percent of electricity and over 30 percent of natural gas is used to treat, transport, and use water? When you save water, you also save energy! Here are some easy tips for you and your family to try that will help us all to save water and energy. Working together, we can have a positive impact where we live, work, and play.

Find dozens of more conservation tips at www.saveourwater.com.

Around the House:



- **FILL BATHTUB HALFWAY.** Save 17–25 gallons of water per person.
- **FIX LEAKS.** Save 27–90 gallons of water each day.
- **INSTALL WATER-SAVING DEVICES.** Install low-flow showerheads, high-efficiency toilets, and faucet aerators. Your utility may offer these devices at a discount or for free.
- **TAKE 5-MINUTE SHOWERS.** Save 12.5 gallons per shower.
- **TURN OFF WATER WHEN BRUSHING TEETH, WASHING FACE, OR SHAVING.** Save 8 gallons of water per person per day.
- **WASH FULL LOADS OF LAUNDRY AND DISHES.** Save 15–45 gallons per washer load and 5–15 gallons per dishwasher load.
- **RECYCLE INDOOR WATER TO IRRIGATE YOUR GARDEN.** Cut water use by 30%.

Around the Yard:



- **PLANT DROUGHT-TOLERANT TREES, FLOWERS, AND SHRUBS.** Save 30–60 gallons per 1000 sq. ft.
- **USE A BROOM INSTEAD OF A HOSE TO CLEAN OUTDOOR AREAS.** Save 6 gallons every minute.
- **FIX LEAKS AND ADJUST SPRINKLER HEADS.** Saves 12–15 gallons each time you water. A leak the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste 6,300 gallons of water per month!
- **USE MULCH.** Save 20–30 gallons of water per 1000 sq. ft. each time you water.
- **INSTALL DRIP IRRIGATION AND ADD A SMART CONTROLLER SYSTEM.** Save 15 gallons each time you water.



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