

Make Conservation the California Way of Life

Simple Ways to Save Water Around the House

California is experiencing climate shifts that bring more extreme weather, swinging between flood and drought. With the wets getting wetter and the hots getting hotter, every household is being asked to continue saving water for our future.

Use the tips below to find ways to reduce your daily water usage. Adopting some simple habits into your routine can really make a big difference.



Fill the bathtub halfway or less

saves **17–25 gallons** of water per bath



Take 5-minute showers instead of 10-minute showers

save **12.5 gallons** per shower with a water-efficient showerhead



Fix leaks

saves **27–90 gallons** of water per day



Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving

saves **8 gallons** per person each time you brush your teeth or shave



Install aerators

saves **0.7 gallons** per minutes



Wash full loads of clothes

saves **15–45 gallons** per load



Install high-efficiency toilets

saves **6–35 gallons** per day



Use a dishwasher instead of handwashing

saves up to **24 gallons** per load of dishes



Recycle indoor water and use it to irrigate your garden

cuts water use by **30%**



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Simple Ways to Save Water in Your Yard

While California's water supply conditions have greatly improved this year following three years of historic drought, this is just a moment in time and every household is being asked to use water wisely to help adapt to a hotter, drier future.

Use the tips below to find ways to reduce your daily water footprint. Making a couple adjustments in your yard can really add up to big water savings.



Use a broom or leaf blower to clean outdoor areas

saves **6 gallons** every minute you're not running the hose



Set lawnmower blades to 3"

saves **16–50 gallons** per day by encouraging deeper roots



Reimagine your yard with water wise plants

Consider removing your lawn and replacing it with drought-resistant plants to save **30–60 gallons** per 1,000 sq. ft. each time you water



Use mulch

saves **20–30 gallons** of water per 1,000 sq. ft. each time you water



Water early morning or late evening

saves **50%** of sprinkler water otherwise lost to wind and evaporation



Adjust sprinkler heads & fix leaks

saves **12–15 gallons** each time you water

WATER SAVING FACT:

A leak as small as a ballpoint pen tip can waste 6,300 gallons per month!



Install drip irrigation & add a smart controller

saves **15 gallons** each time you water



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