

# Make Water Conservation A Way of Life

## A Simple Guide



**Climate shifts** are creating changes in our weather, temperatures, and our water supply. It's important for us to save water wherever we can—and to make water conservation a California way of life. It's easier than you think.

### Indoors

- 1. Repair Drips and Leaks.** A leak as small as the tip of a pen can waste more than 200 gallons per day. Check faucets, pipes, and toilets regularly and be sure to repair leaks right away.
- 2. Turn Off the Tap.** Don't let water run while brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing dishes by hand.
- 3. Take Shorter Showers.** Cutting just a few minutes off your shower time can save hundreds of gallons per month.
- 4. Use Water-Efficient Fixtures.** Install low-flow appliances, toilets, showerheads, and faucets.
- 6. Run Full Loads Only.** Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when full.

### Outdoors

- 1. Convert Your Front or Back Yard to Water-Efficient Landscaping.** Drought resistant plants thrive with less water, and you can save on average 230 gallons per day.
- 2. Water Your Yard During Non-Daylight Hours.** More water will reach the roots, and less water will evaporate.
- 3. Adjust Sprinkler Heads to Not Water Sidewalks or Streets.** Save on average 12-15 gallons each time you water.
- 4. Install a Drip Irrigation System.** Save up to 50% each time you water.
- 5. Install a Smart Controller.** Save up to 15,000 gallons of water per year.
- 6. Use a Broom Instead of a Hose to Clean Your Patio, Sidewalk and Driveway.** Save on average 6 gallons every minute.

## Help conserve our most precious resource.

For more tips, resources, and to see what rebates are available from your water agency, visit [CVWaterCounts.com](https://www.cvwatercounts.com).

**Every Drop Counts.**



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