



1. Turn off water when brushing your teeth. Save 3 gallons a day
2. Take only 5 minute showers and save up to 25 gallons each time
3. Wash full loads of laundry. Save 15-50 gallons
4. Water landscapes before sunrise. Save up to 25 gallons a day

We need to stop wasting water

be water wise

Southern California has a water shortage.

This doesn't mean you should drink less water. Drinking water is healthy and one of its best uses.

But glasses of water left untouched require another **two** glasses of water to wash after use. Fewer glasses to wash will help us save hundreds of gallons a month.

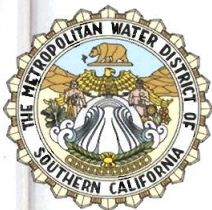
So if you want water with your meal, just ask.

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IT'S TIME TO GET SERIOUS
ABOUT SAVING WATER.



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California's main water sources have been severely impacted by record dry conditions. And we're already using our reserves to supply our everyday water. Our water situation is serious. But here's how you can help.

Indoor

1. Turn off the water when you brush your teeth. Save 3 gallons a day.
2. Shorten your showers by one or two minutes and save up to 5 gallons.
3. Save 20 gallons a day for every leak you fix.
4. Save between 15 and 50 gallons each time by only washing full loads of laundry.
5. Talk to your family and friends about saving water. If everyone does a little, we all benefit a lot.



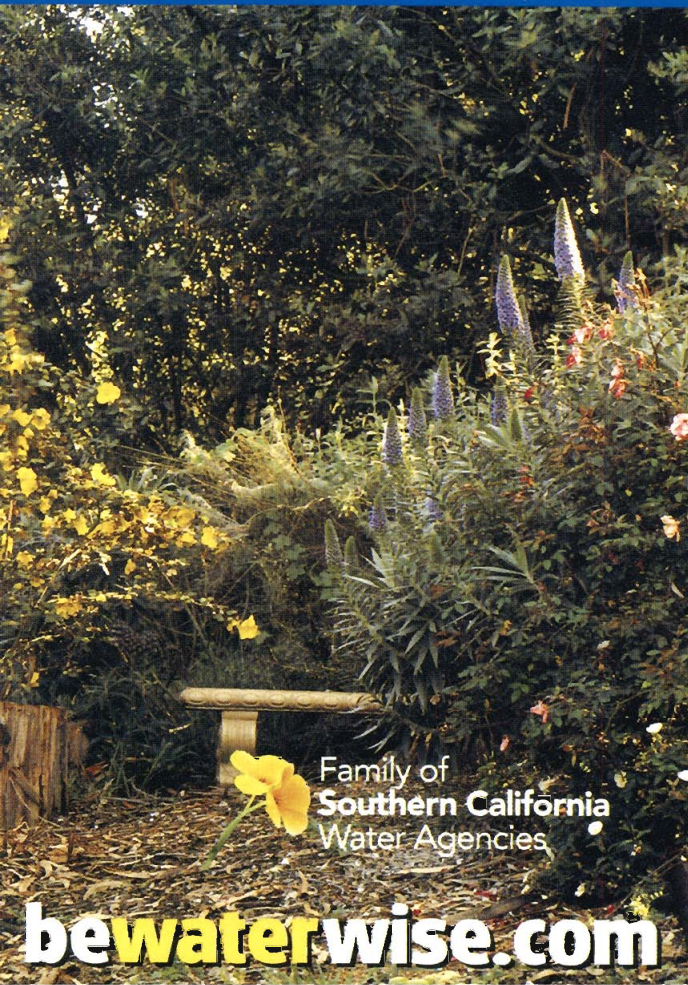
Outdoor

1. Water your yard only before 8 a.m. to reduce evaporation and interference from wind. Save up to 25 gallons a day.
2. Save 40 gallons a day by installing a smart sprinkler controller.
3. Mulch! Save hundreds of gallons a year by using organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.
4. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. You'll save 150 gallons each time.
5. Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads, and save 500 gallons a month.

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10 Ways to **Save** Water Outdoors



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TIP #1 The average homeowner uses twice the amount of water needed to keep plants healthy. Use the watering calculator and index at bewaterwise.com to know exactly how much water your plants need.

TIP #2 Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads. Update with drip or other more water-efficient sprinklers where appropriate.

TIP #3 This fall, plant a portion of your garden with beautiful native and California Friendly plants. Browse the plant database at bewaterwise.com to find just the right look for your outdoor spaces.

TIP #4 Reduce the amount of water-thirsty grass. Keep only what you need and replace the rest with less-thirsty plants or permeable paving.

TIP #5 For the grass you keep, set your lawnmower blade higher.

TIP #6 Adjust your sprinkler timer downward in September. Plants need less water when days are shorter.

TIP #7 Use a broom instead of the hose for cleaning sidewalks and patios.

TIP #8 Mulch! A layer of bark, gravel, compost, sawdust or low-growing groundcover evens out soil temperature and allows better water retention.

TIP #9 Check the list of invasive plants that hurt our environment at caleppc.org and remove any from your garden.

TIP #10 Share these tips with your gardener, neighbors and friends. Water conservation should be a part of every Southern Californian's lifestyle, but that doesn't mean we can't have lush and beautiful outdoor spaces.

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