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Indoor Tips for Residents

No cost, easy to do

- Take shorter showers—2.5 gallons/minute*
- Turn off water when shaving and brushing teeth—2 gallons/minute*
- Wait for full loads to wash clothes—20 gallons/load
- Fill your dishwasher instead of washing each dish by hand and only run the dishwasher when full—2 to 4 gallons/load
- Don´t let the water run when rinsing dishes if washing by hand—2.5 gallons/minute
- Don´t use the toilet as a wastebasket—1.6 gallons/flush

No or low cost, more effort required

- Fix leaky toilets—30 to 50 gallons/day/toilet*
- Fix leaky faucets—15 to 20 gallons/day/faucet
- Install aerators on all faucets—15 gallons/day*

Higher cost, most effort required

- Replace inefficient washer with High Efficiency Washing Machine —25 to 35 gallons/day**
- Replace older toilets with High Efficiency Toilets (HETs)— 25 gallons/day**

* *Contact the water district for free showerheads, shower timers, faucet aerators, and toilet flappers and schedule a free Water Wise House Call*

***The water district provides rebates for High Efficiency Washing Machines and High Efficiency Toilets*

For more information, visit **save20gallons.org** or call 408-630-2554.

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Outdoor Tips for Residents

No cost, easy to do

- Water before 5 AM instead of midday—20 gallons/day
- Adjust your irrigation schedule throughout the year, cut your irrigation to a third in the fall and turn off during most winters— 20+ gallons/day*
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean sidewalks— 10 to 15 gallons/minute

No or low cost, more effort required

- Apply 2" to 3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce moisture loss—20 gallons/day
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff— 20 to 25 gallons/day*
- Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads—10 gallons/minute

Higher cost, most effort required

- Replace lawn with a water-wise garden—50 to 60 gallons/day/ 1,000 square feet**
- Install drip irrigation for trees, shrubs, and plants—20 gallons/day
- Update to a weather based irrigation controller that automatically adjusts watering times based on local weather conditions— 30 to 40 gallons/day**
- Install a graywater laundry-to-landscape system—17 gallons/day***
- Install covers on pool and spas to reduce evaporation— 30 gallons/day
- Repair pool leaks—can be over 200 gallons/day

* *Sign up for a FREE Water Wise House Call to find out how*

** *The water district offers rebates through our Landscape Rebate Program*

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