



# Rethink Your Water Usage! Conservation Commitment



Make a commitment to help conserve water! Below are some ideas to help rethink your water usage or you can come up with your own. Post your commitment up in your house to help remind you and your family to save water.

- Wipe down dishes instead of rinsing them before putting them in the dishwasher.
- Use a water efficient dishwasher and only run full loads.
- Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator instead of running the water to get cold water.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair in the shower.
- Install a toilet that uses less than 1.3 gallons per flush.
- Check your home for leaking or dripping faucets.
- Take a shorter shower.
- Only wash full loads of laundry and use the cold-water setting.
- Save the water you use rinsing vegetables and water your house plants or garden.
- Cover your pool to decrease evaporation.
- When changing your pet's water, use it to water your plants.
- Use ice cubes or a squirt bottle to water potted plants and avoid over watering.
- If you are using a cooler, use reusable ice or recycle your ice water.
- Use a bucket when washing your car or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles the water.
- Replace your grass with artificial turf or xeriscape.
- Sweep your outdoor walkways and driveways instead of using a hose.
- Turn off your sprinklers after it has rained.
- Collect rainwater using a rain barrel to water your garden, lawn, and houseplants.
- Use a bucket in your shower to collect the water as you warm it up. This water can be used for your plants.
- Use an automatic shut-off nozzle on your garden hose.
- Decrease the number of days per week and length of time you water your yard.
- Adjust your watering schedule to early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation.
- Use mulch around your plants to decrease the evaporation.
- Plant California native plants in your yard, as they require less water.
- Don't overwater your lawn. If a screwdriver can be pushed 3 inches into the soil, you don't need to water.

There are many rebates available for purchasing water efficient items. Visit your local water district's website for more details!