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your guide to  
**Simple** WATER  
**Conservation**



**In California**, water is a limited resource. Add to this a growing population and it's clear we need to work together to stretch our existing water supplies. You can help by conserving water inside and outside your home. And, don't forget, saving water saves energy and money. This brochure will show you how all your "Nice Saves!" can really add up to reducing your water use.

## Outdoor Tips for Saving Water

- Minimize evaporation by watering your yard in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler.
- Only water plants when they need it.
- Don't use your sprinklers on windy days or within two days of rain and adjust your timers around the seasons.
- Routinely check for broken, leaking or clogged sprinklers.
- Limit your watering time to avoid runoff.
- Use drip irrigation for your flowers, trees and gardens.
- Group plants that have similar water needs and landscape with drought-tolerant plants.
- Cover pools and spas to reduce evaporation.
- Use a shutoff nozzle on your hose.
- Instead of a hose, use a broom to clean driveways and patios.



## Indoor Tips for Saving Water

- Use a low-flow showerhead and take shorter showers.
- Only run full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washer.
- Don't let water run while you're washing dishes.
- Install a low-flow toilet.
- Turn water off when brushing your teeth.
- Double up the kids in the tub.
- Fix leaky faucets and pipes.



**For more information** on using water wisely, visit the California Water Awareness Campaign Web site at [www.wateraware.org](http://www.wateraware.org).