

# WHAT DOES A 20% REDUCTION IN WATER USE LOOK LIKE?



## AVERAGE DAILY USE

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. Here are some easy ways to reduce water use. Find the right combination for you to reduce by 20% or 39 gallons a day.



INSTALL AERATORS ON BATHROOM FAUCETS

saves

1.2 GALLONS

per person/day



WASH ONLY FULL LOADS OF CLOTHES

saves

15-45 GALLONS

per load



TURN OFF WATER WHEN BRUSHING TEETH OR SHAVING

saves

10 GALLONS

per person/day



TAKE FIVE MINUTE SHOWERS INSTEAD OF 10 MINUTE SHOWERS

saves

12.5 GALLONS

with a water efficient showerhead



FILL THE BATHTUB HALFWAY OR LESS

saves

12 GALLONS

per person



INSTALL A WATER-EFFICIENT SHOWER HEAD

saves

1.2 GALLONS

per minute



OR

10 GALLONS

per average 10-minute shower



FIX LEAKY TOILETS

saves

30-50 GALLONS

per day/toilet



INSTALL A HIGH-EFFICIENCY TOILET (1.28 GALLON/FLUSH)

saves

19 GALLONS

per person/day



RUN DISHWASHER WHEN FULL INSTEAD OF HALF FULL

saves

3-8 GALLONS

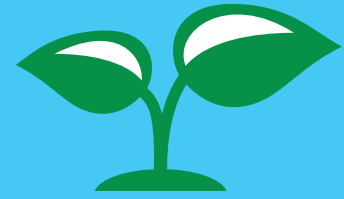
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# HOW TO GARDEN IN A DROUGHT



California is in a drought and that means that we need to be careful with every drop of water that we use, particularly outdoors. Here's a guide to help your landscape survive.

## GET EFFICIENT



introduce drip irrigation



invest in a smart controller



water less frequently, but longer and close to plant roots



redirect downspouts to capture rainwater and direct it to garden areas

## PRIORITIZE YOUR LANDSCAPE



**VEGETABLES & FRUITS GET PRIORITY**  
They help feed your family.



**WATER-WISE PLANTS & SHADE TREES**  
Water-wise plants use little or no water once established. Shade trees help keep plants cool and less thirsty.



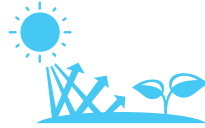
**THIRSTY PLANTS – LAWN, HIGH-WATER-USE & CONTAINER PLANTS**  
These plants are the lowest on the priority list. If you have to cut back, start here.

## USE MULCH

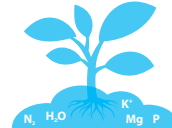
There are many benefits using mulch in your landscape.



**RETAIN MOISTURE**  
Less watering needed and grow healthier plants.



**MODERATES TEMPERATURE**  
Cool soil in the summer and warm soil in the winter.



**DECOMPOSES NUTRIENTS**  
Enrich soil and better soil quality.



**DISCOURAGE WEEDS**  
Keep weeds away and reduce maintenance.

## CAN I PLANT?

Current City of Oceanside drought regulations restrict landscape irrigation to no more than 2 days per week. Native California friendly landscaping is a good alternative to water thirsty lawns.



## RECYCLE INDOOR WATER OUTDOORS!

Recycle water you are using indoors by capturing what otherwise might go down the drain and use it on plants.



put a bucket in your shower



use cooled cooking water



wash your fruits & veggies over a bucket



keep a pitcher next to the sink and empty water glasses in it

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