

Severe Drought

Simple ways to save water in your yard

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day, and 60% of that is used outdoors. But California is in a severe drought, and every household is being asked to save water, because even small changes can make a big difference.

Use the tips below to find the right combination of actions you can take to reduce your water use.



CUTTING BACK ON LAWN WATERING

even for one day a week can save up to 20% more water



WATERING EARLY MORNING OR LATE EVENING

saves 50% of sprinkler water otherwise lost to wind and evaporation



SWITCHING TO WATER-WISE PLANTS

can save 30–60 gallons per 1000 sq. ft. each time you water



USING A BROOM TO CLEAN OUTDOOR AREAS

saves 6 gallons every minute you're not running the hose



ADJUSTING SPRINKLER HEADS & FIXING LEAKS

can save up to 6,300 gallons of water per month



INSTALLING DRIP IRRIGATION & ADDING A SMART CONTROLLER

saves 15 gallons each time you water



SETTING LAWNMOWER BLADES TO 3"

saves 16–50 gallons per day by encouraging deeper roots



Check with your local water agency to learn more about resources or rebates to help make your yard water-wise



USING MULCH

keeps water in the soil and saves up to 30 gallons of water each time you water

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sfpuc.org/saveup

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