

Simple Ways to Save Water Around the House

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day! But California is facing an unstable water future. With extreme swings between flood and drought making our future water supply uncertain, every household is being asked to save water.

Use the tips below to make small adjustments around your home that can have a big impact on your water use.



Fixing toilet leaks

can save up to **200 gallons** of water per day



Filling the bathtub halfway or less

saves **17–25 gallons** of water per bath



Recycling indoor water and using it to irrigate your garden

cuts water use by up to **30%**



Use a dishwasher instead of handwashing

saves up to **24 gallons** per load of dishes



Installing aerators

makes faucets and shower heads more efficient and saves **0.7 gallons** per minute



Take 5-minute showers instead of 10-minute showers

save **12.5 gallons** per shower with a water-efficient showerhead



Fixing leaks inside and outside of the house

saves **27–90 gallons** of water per day



Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving

saves **8 gallons** per person each time you brush your teeth or shave



Washing full loads of clothes

saves **15–45 gallons** per load



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Simple Ways to Save Water Around the Yard

The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day, and 60% of that is used outdoors. With extreme swings between flood and drought making our state's future water supply uncertain, every household is being asked to save water.

Use the tips below to discover how small adjustments to your yard can have a big impact on your water use.



Cutting back on lawn watering

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



Using mulch

keeps water in the soil and saves up to **30 gallons** per 1,000 sq. ft. each time you water



Switching to water wise plants

can save **30–60 gallons** per 1,000 sq. ft. each time you water



Watering early morning or late evening

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



Adjusting sprinkler heads & fixing leaks

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



Using a broom to clean outdoor areas

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



Setting lawnmower blades to 3"

saves **16–50 gallons** per day by encouraging deeper roots



Installing drip irrigation & adding a smart controller

saves **15 gallons** each time you water



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



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