

Water Conservation Toolkit

Contents and Tips



5 Gallon Bucket: Save about 5 gallons per shower

- ▶ Prevent potable water from going down the drain:
 - ▶ Take bucket in the shower with you to collect excess shower water
 - ▶ If waiting for water in shower or sink to heat up, collect running water in the bucket
- ▶ Wash fruits and vegetables over the bucket to collect excess water
- ▶ Reuse collected water outside, in swamp cooler, toilet, for rinsing dishes or for other uses



Leak Detection Dye Tabs: Save gallons per day, exact savings will vary

- ▶ Check for leaky toilets using dye tabs or food coloring. Refer to the Home Depot flyer to identify and fix toilet leaks.



Low-Flow Showerhead: Save 1 gallon per minute

- ▶ Install on the most frequently used shower in your home



Bathroom Faucet Dual-Thread Aerators: Save 1.2 gallons per person per day

- ▶ Install in bathroom sinks to reduce flows to less than 1 gallon per minute



Kitchen Faucet Dual-Thread Aerator: Save 1.2 gallons per person per day

- ▶ Install in the kitchen sink to reduce flows to less than 1.5 gallon per minute



Outdoor Actions: Save between 8-18 gallons per minute with shut-off nozzle alone

- ▶ Discontinue outside watering, unless reusing non-potable water. To learn more about prohibited outdoor water use for ALL Californians, visit <http://bit.ly/WaterBoardsEmergencyRegs>
- ▶ If you need to use water outdoors, attach the auto shut-off hose nozzle to your main outdoor hose
- ▶ Save hundreds of gallons a year by using organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation



Additional Conservation Tips

- ▶ Limit frequency of toilet flushing, the biggest water user in the house
- ▶ Turn off tap while brushing your teeth
- ▶ Turn off running water while soaping up in the shower
- ▶ Turn off tap while lathering when you wash your hands
- ▶ Only run the dishwasher when full. Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. If washing dishes by hand, fill one basin with wash water and one basin with rinse water
- ▶ Report incidents of water being wasted:
 - ▶ Contact your local water utility agency, if in your neighborhood or commercial areas
 - ▶ Report it online at <http://www.saveourh2o.org/report-water-waste>, if at a state facility
- ▶ Visit <http://www.saveourh2o.org/tips> for additional water conservation tips and tools



Drought Emergency Contacts

- ▶ For information about state resources available for drought-related issues:
OPR Drought Hotline, **1-916-327-0068**
- ▶ For concerns or questions about your public drinking water system during the drought:
Drinking Water Systems Emergency Hotline, **1-855-737-1796**
- ▶ For questions about water rights and emergency regulations during the drought:
Water Rights Hotline, **1-916-341-5342**
- ▶ To find your local Office of Emergency Services: <http://bit.ly/localOEScontacts>