Save Our WATER

Since water is a limited resource and it is important to each of us every day, water conservation is essential. By following these water conservation tips in the home you can help conserve water every day, whether there's a drought or not:

Inside Home

KITCHEN

- Wash vegetables in container, not under running water.
- Use dishwasher for full loads only. Information about water and energy. efficient dishwashers is available at: http://www.cuwcc.org/ residential_dishwashers.lasso.

BATHROOM

- Install low-flow shower heads.
- Take shorter showers. *(Showers kept under 5 minutes can save you about 15 gallons per shower.)*
- If you take a bath, fill bathtub less than halfway. *(You can save 10-15 gallons per bath.)*
- Install a high efficiency (HET) 1.28 gallons-per flush toilet (check with your water supplier for current rebate information).
- Install aerators on bathroom faucets. *(Most homes built after 1980 already have these features.)*
- Turn water off when brushing teeth and soaping hands.

LAUNDRY ROOM

- Use washing machine for full loads only.
- Information on washers and current rebates available at: http://www.cuwcc.org/ efficient_clothes_washers.lasso.

Outside Home

LANDSCAPE

- Irrigate your yard in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Install precise landscaping irrigation, use rotating nozzles to save water and eliminate wasteful runoff.
- Choose water-efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
- Information about evapotranspiration (ET) and weather based irrigation controllers is available at: http://www.cuwcc.org/irrigation_controllers.lasso.

CLEANUP

- Use broom to clean driveways, sidewalks, patios and walkways.
- Wash cars/boats with a bucket, sponge, and hose with self-closing nozzle.

ACTIVITIES

- Install a pool/spa cover to reduce evaporation and filter backwash.
- If draining a pool is necessary, find a use for the water.
- Check your pool and pool plumbing for leaks.

Tips on Leaks

Lots of water can be lost by little leaks. A small drip can waste 70 gallons of water in a day and more than 1,000 gallons a day can pour through a steady leak of one-sixteenth inch in size. Fix leaky faucets and toilets right away. When hot water is dripping, energy is also being wasted. Since a leak can be a major water waster, always fix any leak as soon as possible.

PIPE LEAKS

To detect unseen leaks, read your water meter. Don't run any water for one hour, then read your water meter again. If the meter has moved, you may have a leak.

FAUCET LEAKS

Most leaks, besides toilet leaks, are in the faucets, and most are mainly due to worn washers. Listen for running water when plumbing fixtures are closed and water using appliances are off. Check your tap a couple of times a year to see if all the faucets are working properly.

TOILET LEAKS

Put food coloring in your toilet tank and wait for 20 minutes. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak. Many toilet leaks can be fixed with simple tools and a do-it-yourself manual.

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