



San Diego County
Water Authority

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS SAVE WATER

Every day, thousands of gallons of water are wasted by broken and leaky sprinklers or by overwatering landscapes. We can't afford to let these wasteful practices continue. Our region is facing likely water supply shortages this year.

To help stop water waste, the San Diego County Water Authority is providing you with door hangers so you can alert neighbors to potential problems in their yards where water is being wasted.

We need *everyone's* help to make water conservation a way of life in San Diego County. For additional door hangers for you to print out and distribute, as well as water-saving tips and rebates, visit:

20gallonchallenge.com

or call 858-522-6512

DEAR NEIGHBOR:

Our region is facing a serious water shortage. This makes eliminating water waste more important than ever. While passing by your home, I noticed the following:

- Your sprinklers are watering the pavement.** Please adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray and runoff.
- Your sprinklers were on during the rain.** When rain is predicted, please shut your sprinkler system off immediately and leave it off for up to a week or more following a storm.
- You have a broken sprinkler, and/or your irrigation system is leaking.** Please make repairs right away. A broken sprinkler can waste 10 gallons per minute or 100 gallons in a 10-minute cycle.
The leak is located: _____
- Your sprinklers are on every day.** Most landscapes require watering only 2 to 3 days per week, even less in the winter. To determine when to water, check soil moisture by sticking a shovel or your finger into the dirt. When the soil is dry 1 to 2 inches deep, it is time to water.
- Your sprinklers are on during the day.** Please water only in the late evening or early morning hours to reduce water loss from evaporation and wind.

See the reserve side for more outdoor conservation tips.



These tips can help you save more water outside your home. For more information on rebates, indoor conservation tips as well as commercial and industrial water tips and programs, visit 20gallonchallenge.com

TIP	POTENTIAL SAVINGS
Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff.	15–25 gallons/day
Repair leaks & broken sprinkler heads.	10 gallons/minute/leak
Add 2" to 3" of mulch around trees & plants to reduce evaporation.	20–30 gallons/day per 1,000 sq. ft.
Upgrade to a "smart irrigation controller" that automatically adjusts watering times for hotter weather, and shuts down the system when it rains.	40 gallons/day
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.	8–18 gallons/minute
Repair leaking hose bibs.	15–20 gallons/day/leak
Install covers on pool and spas to reduce evaporation.	30 gallons/day
Install or adjust your pressure reducer to keep pressure between 30 and 55 p.s.i.	varies