



SAVE



WATER



NOW



HERE'S
HOW



Local water supply

San Diego County has a semiarid climate and a very small supply of local water. Since more than 80 percent of the county's water is imported, using water efficiently must be a permanent way of life. Making the most of every drop of water helps our region's vibrant economy and preserves our quality of life.

Here is a list of tips that can help you save water. Read them carefully and make these water-saving practices a part of your daily life. For more tips visit sdcwa.org.



saves up to 25 gal/bath Fill the bathtub half full when bathing.

Tips



saves up to 1.6 gal/flush

Install high-efficiency toilets. These 1.28 gallons per flush toilets cut the amount of water that goes down the drain with each flush by as much as 50 percent.

Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.

Check your toilet for leaks. Put a few drops of food color in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl, you have a leak that is wasting many gallons of water a day. Replace the tank's rubber flapper if it is causing the leak.

saves up to 50 gal/day/toilet



saves up to 2.5 gal/minute

Take shorter showers. Limit showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off. Better still, turn off the flow of water while soaping and shampooing. Turn the water back on to quickly rinse.

Install water-saving showerheads. All new showerheads use 2.5 gallons a minute or less.



saves up to 2 gal/minute

Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving.



saves 2.5 gal/minute

If you wash dishes by hand, turn off the water in-between rinses. Better yet, fill a sink with rinse water. If you have only one sink, first gather all your washed dishes in a dish rack, then rinse them quickly. Also, using the least amount of detergent necessary minimizes the rinse water needed.



saves up to 4.5 gal/load

Fully load your automatic dishwasher — each time you run it you use about 25 gallons of water.

Indoors | Outdoors



saves up to 20 gal/day/leak Fix leaky faucets.



saves up to 25 gal/day

Rinse vegetables in a filled sink or pan instead of under running water.

Defrost frozen food without running water over the package. Place food in the refrigerator overnight or defrost in a microwave.

Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This stops the wasteful practice of running the tap water to cool it before drinking.



saves up to 50 gal/load Wash only full loads of clothes.



saves up to 30 gal/day/1,000 sq. ft.

Add 2" to 3" mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation.



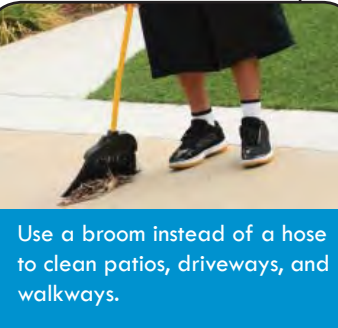
saves up to 25 gal/day

Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and run-off.

Check your irrigation system, faucets, and hoses regularly, and repair any leaks. Make sure your irrigation system is operating as efficiently as possible.



saves up to 25 gal/day Plant WaterSmart trees and plants during the fall and winter.



saves up to 25 gal/day Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, driveways, and walkways.



saves up to 25 gal/day

Water only when needed. Water only before dawn and after dusk to reduce evaporation and interference from wind.

Check soil and plants to decide if irrigation is needed. Probe soil gently with a screwdriver or small spade. Wait until the top 2 or 3 inches are dry before watering.

Check with your local water agency for restrictions on watering days, times, and duration.



Your Water Services

For detailed information about local water use requirements or water rates, contact the agency that sends your water bill.

San Diego County Water Authority Member Agencies:

- 1 Carlsbad MWD
www.carlsbadca.gov/water
760-438-2722
- 2 City of Del Mar
www.delmar.ca.us
858-755-3294
- 3 City of Escondido
www.ci.escondido.ca.us
760-839-4658
- 4 Fallbrook PUD
www.fpud.com
760-728-1125
- 5 Helix Water District
www.hwd.com
619-466-0585
- 6 Lakeside Water District
www.lakesidewaterdistrict.com
619-443-3805
- 7 City of National City*
www.sweetwater.org
619-420-1413
- 8 City of Oceanside
www.ci.oceanside.ca.us
760-435-5800
- 9 Olivenhain MWD
www.olivenhain.com
760-753-6466
- 10 Otay Water District
www.otaywater.gov
619-670-2222
- 11 Padre Dam MWD
www.padredam.org
619 448-3111
- 12 Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base
www.cpp.usmc.mil
760-725-0602
- 13 City of Poway
www.poway.org
858-668-1215
- 14 Rainbow MWD
www.rainbowmwd.com
760-728-1178
- 15 Ramona MWD
www.rmwd.org
760-789-1330
- 16 Rincon del Diablo MWD
www.rinconwater.org
760-745-5522
- 17 City of San Diego
www.sandiego.gov/water
619-515-3500
- 18 San Dieguito Water District
www.ci.encinitas.ca.us
760-633-2810
- 19 Santa Fe Irrigation District
www.sfidwater.org
858-756-2424
- 20 South Bay Irrigation District*
www.sweetwater.org
619-420-1413
- 21 Vallecitos Water District
www.vwd.org
760-744-0460
- 22 Valley Center MWD
www.vcmwd.org
760-749-1600
- 23 Vista Irrigation District
www.vid-h2o.org
760-597-3100
- 24 Yuima MWD
www.yuimamwd.com
760-742-3704

*Sweetwater Authority manages City of National City and South Bay Irrigation District.

Additional Resources

Water-saving tips inside and outside
your home and business
www.20gallonchallenge.com

California Friendly Gardening for San Diego County
Landscape design elements and firewise tips
www.20gallonchallenge.com/gardensoft.html

Gardening with California Native Plants
California Native Plant Society - San Diego
www.cnpsd.org/horticulture/index.html

The Landscape Watering Calculator
<http://apps.sandiego.gov/landcalc/>

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Conservation Information
www.bewaterwise.com

Guide to Water Saver Home
www.h2ouse.org

WaterWiser Drip Calculator
www.awwa.org/awwa/waterwiser/dripcalc.cfm

WaterSmart Gardens

Water Conservation at Cuyamaca College
www.thegarden.org 619-660-0614

Quail Botanical Gardens
www.qbggardens.org 760-436-3036



**San Diego County
Water Authority**

The Water Authority is a public agency serving the San Diego region as a wholesale supplier of water. The Water Authority works through its 24 member agencies to provide a safe, reliable water supply to support the region's \$171 billion economy and the quality of life of more than 3 million residents.