

# What Can I Do To Cut My Water Use By 15%?

## OUTDOORS

Most water is used outdoors for gardens and yards. Cutting outdoor water use is the most effective way to achieve significant cutbacks.



**Water** your yard between **5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.** to reduce evaporation from wind and heat.

**Install rotary sprinkler** nozzles, a weather-based sprinkler controller or drip irrigation.



**Check your sprinkler system** weekly to make sure you're watering plants and not the sidewalk.

**Fix all leaks**, indoors and outdoors.



**Fix broken**, leaking or clogged sprinkler heads.

**Reduce outdoor watering** to two days per week.



**Replace your lawn** with native and drought tolerant plants or permeable surfaces such as concrete grids or stone surfaces.



**Use a broom** instead of a hose to clean sidewalks and driveways.

Take your **car to a carwash**.

Use an **automatic shutoff** hose nozzle.



Do not use decorative **fountains**, waterfalls or ponds unless they have a **recirculation system**.

**Cover swimming pools** and spas when not in use.

## INDOORS

Reducing indoor water use is an easy way to add to your home's overall water savings. Encourage your family to evaluate their water use and determine where everyone can help save.



**Install low-flow** shower heads and faucet aerators.

**Install high efficiency** toilets.

Install a **high efficiency clothes washer** or dishwasher.



Run **only full loads** in the dishwasher and clothes washer.

Install a **tankless water heater**.

**Turn off the tap** when you shave or brush your teeth.



**Take a five minute shower.**

**Use a bucket** to capture the water that runs while you wait for it to get hot and use the excess to water plants.



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