

# This is **HOW WE SAVE WATER.**

California is in a serious drought, and we don't know how long it will last. That's why every drop saved counts. Here's a list of water-saving changes you can make today.



## Yard

- 1 Water only 2x/week during allowed days and hours. Odd addresses on Mon+Wed, Even addresses on Tue+Thu, and only before 9am and after 5pm. ★  
**Save 6,500 gallons/year**
- 2 Check irrigation timer for overwatering. Remove duplicate settings, adjust lower for winter. Check irrigation system for water waste. Leaks, broken heads, and overspray onto pavement are prohibited. ★♦  
**Save 2,400 gallons/ month**
- 3 Replace lawn and sprinklers with drought tolerant, low water using landscaping and drip irrigation. (rebate, see reverse).  
**Save 11,000 gallons/year**
- 4 Install a weather-based irrigation controller (WBIC) to water only when needed (rebate, see reverse).  
**Save 4,000 gallons or more per year**
- 5 Sweep, don't hose driveways or sidewalks. Hosing pavement is prohibited. ★♦  
**Save 17 gallons/minute**
- 6 Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation. ★  
**Save 10,000-15,000 gallons/year**

★ Santa Monica Water Conservation Requirements (SMMC 7.16.020)

♦ California Drought Emergency Regulation (Title 23 Section 995)



## Leaks

- 7 Review your water bill for usage spikes caused by leaks. Inspect your property for leaks and repair immediately when found.  
**Save 85-2,500 gallons or more/month**
- 8 Install a flow monitoring device to monitor usage between bills and detect leaks.  
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## Kitchen

- 9 Install low-flow kitchen faucet aerators (free, see reverse).  
**Save 2,275 gallons/year**
- 10 Run the dishwasher only when full.  
**Save 3-8 gallons each time**
- 11 Partially fill sink or a bowl of water to wash produce instead of running the faucet.  
**Save 3-10 gallons each time**
- 12 Compost vegetable food waste in your City green bin instead of the garbage disposal.  
**Save 1-2 gallons each time**



## Laundry

- 13 Run only full loads of laundry.  
**Save 15-30 gallons/load**
- 14 Replace your old clothes washer with a high-efficiency model (rebate, see reverse).  
**Save 15-30 gallons/load**



## Bathroom

- 15 Take shorter showers. Aim to limit to 5 minutes.  
**Save 2-8 gallons each time**
- 16 Collect shower water in a bucket as it warms. Use it to water plants.  
**Save 1-4 gallons each time**
- 17 Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving.  
**Save 1-4 gallons each time**
- 18 Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators (free, see reverse).  
**Save 6,000 gallons/year per unit**
- 19 Install high-efficiency toilets (rebate, see reverse).  
**Save 2,600-13,000 gallons/year for each toilet installed**
- 20 Test toilets for leaks and repair. 1 in 5 leaks (learn how, see reverse).  
**Save 250-4,000 gallons/day for each toilet repaired**



## Around Town

- 21 Skip washing your car. Go dirty for the drought!  
**Save 30-100 gallons each time**
- 22 Report water waste to 866-311-7266 or 311@santamonica.gov



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Save water. Show your love.

To save even more, apply for rebates, and get the latest on the drought:  
[santamonica.gov](http://santamonica.gov) (search "savewater") | [savewater@santamonica.gov](mailto:savewater@santamonica.gov) | 310.458.8972



# REBATES & FREEBIES

**Homeowners:** Take advantage of these offerings to save water at your property.

## Landscape Rebates

Learn more and apply at [www.santamonica.gov](http://www.santamonica.gov) (search "savewater")

### Cash for Grass

Remove lawn and replace with a beautiful low-water landscape. \$3.50/sq.ft.  
\$6,000 max.

### Spray to Drip

Convert sprinklers to drip in existing non-lawn areas (hedges, planters) \$ 2.00/sq.ft.  
\$4,000 max.

### Rainwater Harvesting

Rain barrels and cisterns to capture rainwater for landscape irrigation \$200 to \$2,000

## Free Offerings

Contact [savewater@santamonica.gov](mailto:savewater@santamonica.gov) or call 310-458-8972 to request these items.

- Onsite Water Use Consultation
- Showerheads (1.5 gpm)
- Faucet aerators: bathroom sinks (1.0 gpm)
- Faucet aerators: kitchen sinks (1.5 gpm)
- Toilet dye strips (used to test for toilet leaks)
- Automatic shutoff hose nozzles

## Device Rebates Learn more and apply for these rebates at [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com)

- Premium High Efficiency Toilets : 1.1 gpf or less (PHET) Up to \$200 per toilet
- High-Efficiency Clothes Washers (HECW) Up to \$400 per washer
- Flow Monitoring Devices (Flume or other) Up to \$150 per device
- Weather-based Irrigation Controller (WBIC) Up to \$35 per station

## How to Test for Toilet Leaks

1. Remove the toilet tank lid. The tank is against the wall.
2. Drop one dye strip or 10-15 drops of food coloring into the tank (get free dye strips at [savewater@santamonica.gov](mailto:savewater@santamonica.gov) or 310-458-8972).
3. Put the lid back on. Do not flush.
4. Wait 20 minutes.
5. Check your toilet bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak.
6. Take action to repair the leak.



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