

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.



Leaks

- 1 Report leaks, inside and outside, immediately to your property manager for repair.
Save up to 4,000 gallons/day



Bathroom

- 2 Take shorter showers. Aim to limit to 5 minutes max.
Save 2-8 gallons each time
- 3 Collect shower water in a bucket as it warms. Use it for watering plants.
Save 1-4 gallons each time
- 4 Fill tub halfway for baths.
Save 12-20 gallons each time
- 5 Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth or shaving.
Save 1-4 gallons each time
- 6 Check toilets for leaks and notify your property manager if found (learn how on reverse).
Save 250-4,000 gallons/day
- 7 Ask your property manager to install low-flow toilets, showerheads, and faucet aerators (see reverse).
Save 6,000-15,000 gallons/year



Kitchen

- 8 Run only full loads in the dishwasher.
Save 3-8 gallons/load
- 9 When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink with soapy water, the other with clean water. Limit faucet use.
Save 3-10 gallons each time
- 10 Partially fill sink or a bowl with water to wash produce instead of running the faucet.
Save 3-10 gallons each time
- 11 Compost vegetable food waste in your City green bin instead of the garbage disposal.
Save 1-2 gallons each time
- 12 Ask your property manager to install a low-flow kitchen faucet aerator (free, see reverse).
Save 2,300 gallons/year



Laundry

- 13 Run only full loads of laundry.
Save 15-30 gallons/load



Yard

- 14 If washing your car at home, a bucket and hose with a shutoff nozzle must be used. ★♠
Save 70 gallons/wash
- 15 Ask your property manager to replace the lawn and sprinklers with drought tolerant, low water-using plants and drip irrigation (rebates on reverse).
Save 11,000 gallons/year



Around Town

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

★ Santa Monica Water Conservation Requirements (SMMC 7.16.020)

♠ California Drought Emergency Regulation (Title 23 Section 995)



REBATES & FREEBIES

Renters: Please inform your property manager about these offerings for Multi-Family homes.

Landscape Rebates

Learn more and apply at www.santamonica.gov (search "savewater")

Cash for Grass

Lawn removal and conversion to a beautiful low-water landscape. \$3.50/sq.ft. \$20,000 max. (MF)

Spray to Drip

Convert sprinklers to drip in existing non-lawn areas (hedges, planters) \$2.00/sq.ft. \$10,000 max. (MF)

Rainwater Harvesting

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

Free Offerings

Contact 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

Toilet & Irrigation Device Rebates

Learn more and apply for these rebates at www.bewaterwise.com

- Multi-Family Premium High Efficiency Toilet : 1.1 gpf or less (PHET) Up to \$200 per toilet
- 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 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. Contact your property manager to repair the leak.



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