

General Tips

- Check for leaks, they can add up! Faucet leaks are common and many fixes are simple do-it-yourself tasks.
- Reuse household water —ice dropped on the ground, water from rinsing fruits and vegetables, dehumidifier water, or AC condensate—to water plants.
- Sweep up debris instead of hosing it down.
- Update appliances to Energy Star or water efficient models.
- Wash your car at the car wash. They use recycled water.

Summer is the peak season for home water use. We can use TWO to FOUR times as much water in the summer than the winter. Outdoor water use comprises 40—70% of the average Western United States home and significantly increases in the summer.

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Saving Water in the Summer



When the weather heats up, we need to save water!



We all know summer in Southern California gets hot and it seems hotter every year. Although it is a great time to go on vacation or spend time relaxing in the air conditioning; it is also an important time to think about how we use water and ways we can conserve it. Saving water in the summer also means we are working to protect an important resource during the time it is in lowest supply. Conserving water can also save energy and money!

Outdoors

Hot temperatures mean an increase in outdoor water use. To save water:

- Water in the early morning or evening to reduce evaporation.
- Step on the lawn. If it springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Leave the grass longer by raising the mower blade, and leave clippings on the lawn.
- Mulch around plants (this helps hold water in the soil).
- Collect any rain from summer storms in a rain barrel and use it on your lawn or garden.
- Check faucets and hoses carefully for leaks. Water might evaporate quickly and make the leak hard to notice.

Pools and Spas

While pools use a lot of water when being filled, a properly maintained pool with a little attention will use less water over a year than an equal sized lawn.

- Avoid overfilling to reduce splash out.
- Use a pool cover and lower the temperature so less water evaporates.
- Only run fountains/waterfalls when you are entertaining.
- Reuse the backwash water for tolerant plants.
- Check for leaks—Look for obvious leaks and wet spots around the pool and the plumbing for the pump or heater.

