Don't waste another minute wasting water

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# 5 Things to Know about California's Drought

- 11's one of the worst in California's history
- Storage levels are dropping, preserve our reserves
- Conservation is key in hot summer and fall
- Limiting outdoor water use equals big savings
- Do your part, go to bewaterwise.com® for water-saving tips and valuable rebates



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## WATER SAVING TIPS

Southern Californians have done a good job conserving water. But the multi-year drought has reduced our water reserve levels. More saving must be done to make sure there is water for the future. Be sure to check with your local water agency to find out about mandatory requirements that may be in place where you live.

Here are some helpful things you can do to save water:

#### Outdoor

- Water your yard early in the morning or later in the evening to reduce evaporation. Save up to 25 gallons a day.
- Keep mulch around plants to reduce evaporation and save hundreds of gallons a year.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios. You'll save 150 gallons a week.
- Fix sprinkler leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads. You'll save 500 gallons a month.
- Replace part of your lawn with California Friendly® plants and save thousands of gallons a month.

### Indoor

- Turn off the water when you brush your teeth and shorten your showers to 5 minutes. Save up to 25 gallons a day.
- Fix leaking faucets and running toilets. Save 20 gallons a day.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and save between 15 and 50 gallons each time.
- Buy water-saving devices like high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers. These are eligible for rebates! Check bewaterwise.com.
- Talk to your family and friends about saving water. If everyone does a little, we save a lot.

