



Top Tips - Saving Water Indoors

Find and fix leaks

A small faucet drip can waste 75 gallons per day. Toilet leaks, often silent, can waste over 200 gallons per day. A steady house line leak can add up to more than 1,000 gallons per day.



Install low-flow devices

Faucet aerators and low-flow showerheads are easy to install and show immediate savings.

Install high efficiency toilets and clothes washers

Toilets use about 20% of water in the home, clothes washers about 19%. Water-efficient models can reduce your indoor use significantly.

Run full loads only

Both clotheswashers and dishwashers are more efficient with full loads.

Take quick showers

Showers kept to under 5 minutes can save at least 15 gallons per shower.



Use a pan or basin to rinse veggies

Rather than run the tap, soak and scrub vegetables in a container.



Don't let the tap run

When brushing your teeth, lathering up, shaving, or doing the dishes, turn on the tap only when you need to rinse.

Your toilet is not a waste basket

Use toilets only for what they were intended, not as a flushable trash bin.

Wrap hot water pipes

Insulating pipes means less time needed to run the tap waiting for the water to heat up. You save both water and energy.

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Top Tips - Saving Water Outdoors

Don't over-water the landscape

During the rainy season, turn your automatic system off. Irrigate early or late when it's cool (before 10am or after 7pm). Don't water on cool, rainy, or windy days.



Adjust sprinklers

Water your landscape, not your house, sidewalk, or street. Repair broken or leaking sprinklers.

Use hose nozzles

When washing your car or hand watering, use a hose with a self-closing hose nozzle.

Choose drip irrigation

It's the most efficient way to water your trees, shrubs, and flowers.

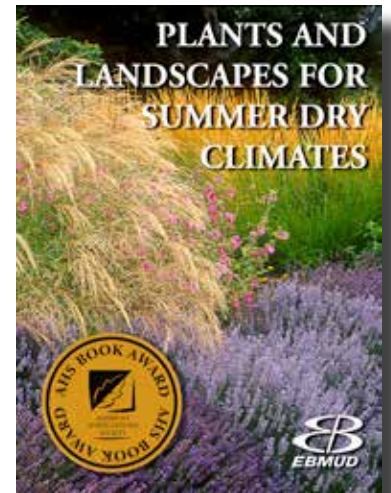
Mulch, mulch, mulch

Mulch is a gardener's best friend. Use it heavily around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil moist, cool, and rich.



Plant low-water use plants

Plants and grasses that are well-adapted to our Mediterranean climate will use much less water once established. EBMUD's book, *Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates*, is an indispensable guide.



Sweep, don't spray

When cleaning driveways and walkways, use a broom, not a hose.

Wash your car only when necessary

Commercial car washes are more efficient than hand washing at home. If you do wash your car at home, use a bucket and sponge, not a hose.

Cover your pool

Install a cover for your pool or spa to reduce evaporation. If you drain your pool, find a use for the water. Check your pool and plumbing for leaks.

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