



# California's **DROUGHT**

## What you can do to conserve water

- Stop leaks! Check your indoor water using appliances and devices for leaks.
- Replace your old toilet, the largest water user inside your home. If your home was built before 1992 and the toilet has never been replaced, then it is very likely that you do not have a water efficient 1.6 gallon per flush toilet.
- Replace your clothes washer, the second largest water user in your home. Energy Star™ rated washers that also have a Water Factor at or lower than 9.5, use 35-50% less water and 50% less energy per load. This saves you money on both your water and energy bills.
- Run water only when using it — not while brushing teeth, shaving or washing counters — and keep showers short.



- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.

- Plant the right plants with proper landscape design & irrigation. Whether you are putting in a new landscape or slowly changing the current landscaping at your home, select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions.



- Adjust sprinklers so only your landscaping is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.
- Water only what your plants need. If you are manually watering, set your oven timer to remind you to move the water promptly. Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device and that it's appropriately scheduled. You can also install a weather adjusting Evapotranspiration irrigation controller that automatically saves water by only watering when necessary. Check with your local water provider to inquire if ET controllers work in your area.
- Do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.