

10 WATER SAVING TIPS FOR 2010

1. Fix those drips – drips and leaks waste gallons of water
2. Shorten that shower
3. Slow the flow –inexpensive faucet aerators can save gallons
4. Turn off the tap when brushing teeth or shaving
5. Go low-flow – replace shower heads
6. Update those appliances – save water and energy with new appliances
7. Replace that water-guzzling toilet
8. Sweep up savings – use a broom
9. Think beyond the lawn – select appropriate plants for this climate
10. Irrigate like a pro – your lawn probably needs less water than you think

It is the time of year to start thinking about irrigating lawns and flower beds. In the Sacramento area, Mother Nature provides only about 17 inches of rain a year, and periodic droughts are the norm. Here are some suggestions to save a significant amount of water every day:

- Reduce your watering days to once or twice per week. Water only when needed, either early in the morning or late when the temperatures are cooler
- Check your sprinkler system and adjust so only the lawn is watered
- Use a drip irrigation system for trees, shrubs, and flowers
- Water deeply but less frequently
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants