

# Water Efficiency Tip Sheet



See how you can be more efficient on daily water usage and protect our precious resource.

## Outdoor Landscaping

<u>If you.....</u>	<u>You'll save.....</u>
❖ Hand water and focus on dry spots , pay attention to avoid runoff	❖ 750-1,500 Gallons / Month
❖ Reduce irrigation cycles by 1-3 minutes	❖ 15-25 Gallons / Minute
❖ Irrigate your landscapes only in the early morning hours (5 a.m.)	❖ 20-25 Gallons / Day
❖ Adjust irrigation timer valve run times seasonally	❖ 250 Gallons / Cycle
❖ Adjust sprinklers to avoid unnecessary overspray	❖ 500 Gallons / Month
❖ Fix leaky and broken sprinkler heads	❖ 20 Gallons / Day
❖ Replace spray head nozzles with rotator nozzles	❖ 1,200 Gallons / Year/ Nozzle
❖ Use drips or bubblers to irrigation your flower and shrub beds	❖ 20-25 Gallons / Day
❖ Use irrigation controller with rain sensor	❖ 40 Gallons per Day
❖ Replace part of lawn with low water use plants	❖ 1,000 – 1,800 Gallons/Month
❖ Put 2-4 inches of mulch around bushes, trees and shrubs	❖ 20-30 Gallons/Day/1,000 ft. <sup>2</sup>

## Outdoor Cleaning

❖ Clean sidewalks and driveways with broom rather than hose	❖ 8-18 Gallons / Minute
❖ Take car to car wash or at least use a self-closing hose nozzle	❖ 8-18 Gallons / Minute
❖ Use pool and spa covers	❖ 30 Gallons / Day
❖ Repair leaks around hosebibs, spigots, pool and spa pumps	❖ 15-20 Gallons / Day / Leak
❖ Clean pool filter manually rather than backwash	❖ 250-1,000 Gallons / Cleaning

## Indoor Cleaning

❖ Fix leaky faucets and toilets	❖ 20-50 Gallons / Day / Fixture
❖ Install aerators on all faucets	❖ 4.7 Gallons /Day / Faucet
❖ Run only full loads in your clothes and dish washers	❖ 300-800 Gallons / Month
❖ Keep showers to less than 10 minutes	❖ 700 Gallons / Month
❖ Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving	❖ 240 Gallons / Month
❖ Don't use toilet as trash	❖ 400-600 Gallon / Month
❖ Replace old toilet with more efficient toilet	❖ 2.2-3.8 Gallons / Flush
❖ Replace clothes water with efficient appliance	❖ 20-30 Gallons / Load
❖ Replace old showerhead with one that uses 2.5 gallons per minute	❖ 1,000s of Gallons / Month
❖ When hand washing dishes, fill sink, don't leave water running	❖ 2.5 Gallons / Minute

Efficient water use is the right thing to do!