

HELP US CONSERVE WATER DURING DROUGHT



OUTDOOR TIPS



Never leave water running if evacuating. If you evacuate your home due to the threat of wildfire, do not leave sprinklers and hoses on. This can leave firefighters without ample water to actively fight fires. Instead, create defensible space around your home. This is a more effective way to protect your property. Visit yubafiresafe.org for resources.



Water only when needed. Did you know that one lawn watering is equal to flushing your toilet 159 times? Look at the grass, feel the soil or use a soil moisture meter to determine when to water. Limit outdoor watering and only water early in the morning to reduce water lost to evaporation.



Use a broom, not a hose, to clean outdoor areas. Using a broom to clean outdoor areas can save 8-18 gallons every minute.



INDOOR TIPS



Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.



When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink or a small container with wash water and another with rinse water.



Wash full loads of clothes and dishes. Running a full washer saves 15-45 gallons per load; a full dishwasher run saves 5-15 gallons per load.



Keep showers to 5 minutes or less. Keeping showers under 5 minutes can save 12.5 gallons per shower when using a water-efficient showerhead.



Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving. This saves 10 gallons per person, per day.



Fix leaks around your home. Fixing water leaks as small as a ballpoint pen can save 110 gallons of water per month.



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