

# Saving Water Do's and Don'ts

Californians are making water conservation a way of life. Here are some of the biggest Do's and Don'ts for keeping conservation top of mind.

**DO** Water your yard and garden in the **morning or evening** when the temperature is cooler.



**DON'T** Run your irrigation system in the **middle of the day**. Doing this can cause water to evaporate instead of soaking into the soil.

**DO** **Get creative** with waterless cleaning outdoors.



**DON'T** Use water to clean driveways and sidewalks, use a broom or leaf blower to rid of dirt, dust, and debris. You can save **6 gallons** of water per minute by not running the hose!

**DO** Take your car to a car wash that recycles and treats the water and you save nearly all the water that is used!



**DON'T** Wash your car at home with a running hose and bucket.

**DO** Collect reusable household water to use for your parched garden beds, lawns, or landscapes.



**DON'T** Throw out the water you may have collected in a bucket from waiting for the shower to warm up, washing fruits and vegetables, or leftover drinking water.

**DO** Take shorter showers. Finishing your shower just a few minutes early can save over **10 gallons** of water each shower.



**DON'T** Use an old, inefficient showerhead. Using a water-efficient showerhead can reduce water use by **up to 50%**.

**DO** Make it a habit to **shut the water off** during washing, brushing, and shaving.



**DON'T** Let the water run while washing hands, shaving, and brushing your teeth. Turning the water off can save **8 gallons** of water per person per day.

**DO** Wait to run full loads of clothes and dishes. By filling up the washing machine and dishwasher, you're maximizing your water efficiency!



**DON'T** Wash half racks of dishes. Running the dishwasher only when full saves up to **24 gallons** per load.

**DO** See what type of water-efficient upgrades your home is ready for, including replacing your current plumbing fixtures such as faucets and toilets, with water-conserving models. Installing high-efficiency toilets can save up to **35 gallons** per day!

**DON'T** Miss out on potential rebates! Visit [saveourwater.com/yardrebates](http://saveourwater.com/yardrebates) to see if you qualify for local rebates in your areas.



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