



Important Phone Numbers

Water Customer Service	(619) 515-3500
Tap Water Quality Questions	(619) 668-3232
Water/Sewer Emergency Services	(619) 515-3525
Water Pressure Problems	(619) 515-3525
Storm Drain/Street/Pothole Problems	(619) 527-7500
City-Neighborhood Code Compliance	(619) 236-5500
City-Citizens Assistance	(619) 236-5555
City-Trash Information	(858) 694-7000
Vector (Bugs) Control	(858) 694-2888
Senior Citizens Assistance	(619) 236-6905

Help us conserve water. Report Water Waste and Water Theft (619) 515-3500

City of San Diego Water Department
 Water Resources Management Program
 600 B Street, Suite 1210 MS 912
 San Diego, CA 92101-4588

WEB SITE INFORMATION
www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation

For more information, please call the
 Water Conservation Hotline at: (619) 515-3500

RESIDENTIAL WATER USE							
AVERAGE GALLONS PER WEEK BY NUMBER OF PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD							
PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD		1	2	3	4	5	6
TYPE OF RESIDENCE	APARTMENT or CONDOMINIUM	560	1,650	2,340	2,950	3,600	4,250
	HOUSE WITH SMALL YARD	1,150	1,940	2,650	3,400	4,150	4,900
	HOUSE WITH MEDIUM to LARGE YARD	1,750	2,540	3,250	4,000	4,750	5,500

Note: unless otherwise specified, average savings are based on a family of two adults and one child.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

24 Ways to Save Hundreds of Gallons of Water Every Week

If you're like most people, you'd be surprised to know how many gallons of water the average family uses each week. Just look at the chart on the back page to

see the amount your household probably uses. These 24 simple water-saving steps can cut gallons out of your weekly usage.

Whether you want to cut back 15%, 25% or even 50%, the more steps you take, the more water you'll save. Please start today. It's easier than you think to save water. And when you consider that Southern California is facing a major water shortage, it's critical that we all do whatever we can to conserve our most precious resource (*even if you're not personally responsible for paying the water bill*).

Let's make water conservation a way of life.



In The Bathroom

1. While waiting for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the cool water in a bucket or a watering can. You can use it later to water plants, run your garbage disposer, or pour into the toilet bowl to flush. (Saves 50 gallons a week per person).
2. Replace your regular showerheads with low-flow showerheads. (Saves 230 gallons a week).
3. Keep your showers down to 5 minutes or less using a low-flow showerhead. (Saves 75 gallons a week per person).
4. Turn the water off while lathering-up in the shower. Then turn the water back on to quickly rinse. (Saves 75 gallons a week per person).
5. Take shallow baths, no more than 3 inches of water (Saves 100 gallons a week per person).
6. Replace your older model toilets with new ultra-low-flush models. (Saves 350 gallons a week).
7. Check your toilets for leaks. Drop a dye tablet or a teaspoon of food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, replace the “flapper” valve or report the leak. (Saves 100 gallons a week for each toilet repaired).
8. Flush the toilet only when necessary. Never use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket. (Saves 150 gallons a week).
9. Never let the water run while brushing your teeth or shaving. (Saves 35 gallons a week per person).

In The Kitchen

10. Hand wash dishes just once a day using the least amount of detergent possible. This will cut down on rinsing. Use a sprayer or short blasts of water to rinse. (Saves 100 gallons a week).
11. If you have a dishwasher, run it only when you have a full load. (Saves 30 gallons a week).
12. Scrape food scraps off dishes in the garbage can or rinse them off with very short blasts of hot water. (Saves 60 gallons a week).
13. Never use hot running water to defrost frozen foods. Plan ahead and place frozen items in the refrigerator overnight or use the microwave oven. (Saves 50 gallons a week).
14. Rinse vegetables and fruits in a sink or a pan filled with water instead of under running water. (Saves 30 gallons a week).
15. Run your garbage disposer on alternate days. (Saves 25 gallons a week).

Around The House

16. Repair or report all leaky faucets, fixtures and pipes both inside and outside your home. (Saves 150 gallons for each leak).
17. When doing the laundry, never wash less than a full load. (Saves 100 gallons a week).
18. Collect washing machine rinse water in utility sink. You can use it later to water indoor plants, run your garbage disposer, or pour into the toilet bowl to flush. (Saves 50 gallons a week).

Outdoors

19. Set lawn mower blades one notch higher since longer grass reduces evaporation. Use chunks of bark, peat moss, or gravel to cover bare ground in gardens and around trees. (Saves 200 gallons or more a week).
20. Never hose down your patio or balcony—use a broom or blower. (Saves 100 gallons a week).
21. Don't allow children to play with the hose. (Saves 10 gallons a minute).
22. If you have a pool, use a cover to cut down evaporation. This will also keep your pool cleaner and reduce the need to add chemicals. (Saves 250 gallons a week).
23. Take your car to a car wash that recycles its wash water. If home car washing is permitted in your area, use a bucket of water and sponge to wash your car. Rinse quickly at the end. Never allow the hose to run continuously. (Saves 150 gallons a week).
24. Water your lawn and landscaping early in the morning or after the sun sets when there's less evaporation. Adjust your sprinklers so they don't spray on sidewalks, driveway or street. (Saves 250 gallons a week).

*Call for an
appointment for a
free water use survey
(619) 570-1999*

