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# There's a Drought On. Turn the Water Off.

## Indoor

### Conservation Tips

### Estimated Savings

Run the dishwasher only when full	1-2 Gallons per day
Don't leave water running when rinsing dishes	5-10 gallons per day
Turn off water when brushing your teeth	4 gallons per day
Shorten showers	10 gallons per day
Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket	2 gallons per day
Fix leaky toilets	30-50 gallons per day per toilet
Fix leaky faucets	15-20 gallons per day per leak
Replace older, inefficient clothes washers	20-30 gallons per day
Replace older, high-volume flushing toilets	6-10 gallons per day
Wash only full loads of clothes	15-48 gallons per day
Install aerators with flow restrictions on kitchen/ bathroom faucets	4.7 gallons per day

## Outdoor

### Conservation Tip

### Estimated Savings

Water only in the late evening or early morning hours to reduce evaporation and interference from wind	20-25 gallons per day
Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff	15-25 gallons per day
Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads	50-100 gallons per day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1-3 minutes, or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week.</li> <li>• Water only after the top inch of soil is dry</li> <li>• Adjust irrigation controllers with the seasons and replace batteries in the spring and fall</li> </ul>	100-165 gallons per day
Add 2"-3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation. Healthy plants in a moist bed rich in organic material need watering less frequently.	20-25 gallons per day
Install water-efficient drip irrigation systems for trees, shrubs, and flowers to get water to the plants roots more efficiently.	20-25 gallons per day
Replace a portion of lawn with beautiful native and climate appropriate plants.	33-60 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks	8-18 gallons per day
Get a self-closing nozzle for your hose	8-18 gallons per day
Install covers on pool and spas to reduce evaporation	30 gallons per day

## **NEW WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS**

### **City of Hollister / Sunnyslope Water Customers**

Winter 2016 saw improved hydrologic conditions in parts of California. More rain and snow fell in Northern California as compared to Central and Southern California; yet, due to California's water conveyance systems, concerns over supply reliability have eased even in urban Southern California. Consequently, the mandatory demand-driven conservation standards in place over the last several months have been adjusted. Conservation standards are still needed in case winter 2016 was a short reprieve in a longer drought.

All customers are asked to make every effort to conserve water and abide by the following restrictions. All customers are encouraged to reduce water consumption by 15% **compared to their water use in 2013**. The WRASBC can assist you!

#### **OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS**

- Landscape watering shall be limited and restricted to no more than three (3) days per week. **Odd numbered** addresses are hereby restricted to watering on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. **Even numbered** addresses are hereby restricted to watering on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- No watering of landscaping between the hours of 9am and 5pm unless it is with drip irrigation or hand watering with a quick acting positive shut off nozzle.
- No washing down sidewalks, driveways, or other hardscape surfaces.
- No watering lawns within 48 hours of rain
- No watering landscape in a manner that causes runoff to adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, or parking lots.
- No washing of cars without the use of a quick acting, positive shutoff nozzle.
- No operation of decorative fountains or other water features unless the water is recirculated.

#### **GENERAL**

- Leaks, breaks and malfunctions of irrigation systems and plumbing equipment causing waste of water shall be repaired and corrected within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the District Manager of Sunnyslope County Water District or the City Manager of the City of Hollister.

#### **Free signage for restaurants and hotels**

**If you need assistance in conserving water or want to report water waste, contact the**

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**FREE programs and services to help YOU conserve water!**

**The WRASBC is a locally-based agency focused on water resource management in San Benito County, representing the City of Hollister, the City of San Juan Bautista, the Sunnyslope County Water District and the San Benito County Water District**