

# Household Water Conservation Checklist



## Bathroom

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## Suggestions



**Have toilet tanks been checked for leaks?**

**YES NO**

Unrepaired toilet leaks can waste up to 21,000 gallons of water per year. Sacramento Suburban Water District provides free dye tablets to check for toilet leaks.

**Are your toilets low-flow?**

**YES NO**

Replacing your toilet with a 1.28 gallon per flush toilet can save over 18,000 gallons of water per year. That's enough water to fill a backyard swimming pool!



**Is the toilet being used as a wastebasket?**

**YES NO**

Toilets should not be used to flush bugs, facial tissue or other trash. Unnecessary toilet flushes can waste up to 7 gallons of water with each flush.



**Do you turn the water off while brushing your teeth?**

**YES NO**

Before brushing, fill a glass for rinsing your mouth. A household of four can save 7 gallons of water per day by leaving the water off while brushing.

**Have low-flow showerheads been installed?**

**YES NO**

Installing a low flow showerhead can save 8 to 10 gallons of water for every 10 minute shower taken.

## Kitchen & Laundry



**Are dishwashers and washing machines used only for full loads?**

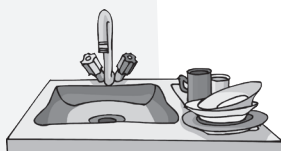
**YES NO**

Waiting until appliances are full before turning them on saves water and energy.

**Have kitchen and all other faucets been checked for leaks?**

**YES NO**

One drip per second can waste more than 2,400 gallons of water per year. Leaks should be repaired as soon as possible.



**See reverse for more water efficient suggestions.**

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## Outdoors

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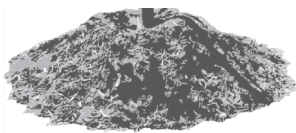


**Are lawns and shrubs only watered when they really need it?**

**YES**

**NO**

Check lawns and shrubs to see if they need water. A lawn that springs back after being stepped on does not need water. Typically, shrubs only need a monthly deep watering during the summer. Watering may not be necessary during the winter.



**Are you watering the lawn in the early morning or after 8:00 p.m.?**

**YES**

**NO**

Water only during the cooler parts of the day. The sun/heat causes water to evaporate before it is completely absorbed into the soil.

**Can adding mulch save water?**

**YES**

**NO**

A 4" layer of mulch helps keep plant roots cool and holds moisture in the soil. When the soil stays moist, you don't need to apply as much water. Mulch can suppress weed growth too.



**Are your walkways, driveways and patios swept clean?**

**YES**

**NO**

Dry cleaning driveways and other hard surfaces with a broom may take more work, but washing them can waste 100 gallons of water or more.



**Is water left running when washing your vehicle?**

**YES**

**NO**

Washing at a commercial car wash saves water and the environment. If vehicles must be washed at home, make sure the hose has an automatic shutoff nozzle. Open hoses can waste up to 10 gallons of water per minute.



**Is your swimming pool covered?**

**YES**

**NO**

Reduce water evaporation and the need to add water to the pool by using a pool cover. Pool covers can reduce evaporation by 80 percent.

**If you would like more tips on how to be water efficient or would like to sign up for a Water-Wise House Call, please call 916.679.2898.**