

Conservation Measures

The Sacramento Suburban Water District's Board of Directors is committed to providing a high quality, reliable water supply to customers. To achieve this goal, the Board adopted a regulation that incorporates enforced water conservation measures. Water abuse can result in a fine or penalty. A crucial element of this regulation involves customer cooperation in managing water use. Below are summary excerpts from SSWD's Regulation No. 15 - Water Conservation.

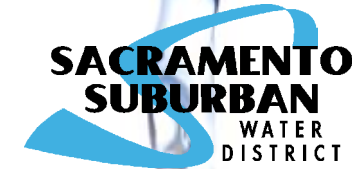
- 1 Water must not be permitted to run to waste from any tap, hose, faucet, pipe, sprinkler, or nozzle.
- 2 The use of water for washing down sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots or buildings, except as necessary for health, sanitary, or fire protection purposes, is prohibited.
- 3 All water hoses shall be equipped with a control nozzle capable of completely shutting off the flow of water except when positive pressure to the nozzle is applied.



- 4 All known leaks must be repaired within seven days or less depending on the severity of the leak.
- 5 Irrigation systems that applies water to an impervious surface (example: concrete or asphalt) is prohibited.
- 6 Landscape irrigation during rainfall is prohibited.
- 7 Pool, spa and/or pond draining and refilling between May 1 and October 1, will be allowed only for health, maintenance, or structural considerations upon submittal of a written report by a health official or pool consultant and approval provided by the District.
- 8 Outdoor watering from Noon to 8:00 p.m. is not recommended.
- 9 Customers whose address ends with an odd number are encouraged to only water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Customers whose address ends with an even number are encouraged to only water on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No watering on Mondays.
- 10 Landscape irrigation should be limited to three days or less per week.

Water Conservation

Key Tips and Information for Saving Water



Why Conserve Water?

It's easy to imagine how life might be if we didn't have fuel for our cars or electricity in our homes. But have you ever imagined life without water? Simply put, life could not exist without water.

Many factors contribute to the reliability of our state's water supply. A growing population, climate changes and industrial contaminants are among the reasons why water is such a limited resource. To ensure long-term availability, we need to change the way we use water. Water conservation plays a key role.

The Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) is taking an active role in water conservation. The District offers rebate programs, water use evaluations, information about water-efficient landscapes and a host of educational material designed to help you, the customer, stay informed.

By following these water saving tips, you'll be conserving water both inside and outside your home.



Outdoor

- Water landscaping and plants only when necessary. Do not overwater.
- Water in the late evening when temperatures are cooler. Remember not to water on windy days.
- Adjust your irrigation controller seasonally to water with the weather.
- Water landscaped areas without spraying or allowing runoff onto paved areas.
- Use a broom instead of water to clean driveways, walkways or patios.
- Visit a local water efficient landscape garden for ideas on plants that require less water or are drought tolerant and thrive in our community.



Stop Those Leaks

- Routinely check your indoor fixtures and appliances for leaks. Most leaks are easy to repair.
- Routinely check your outdoor fixtures for leaks. Most irrigation system leaks occur because a valve fails to shut off completely.

If everyone saves a little, together we will save a lot!

More water conservation tips can be found at sswd.org under "Water Education/Water Conservation."

Indoor

- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Install water efficient devices such as low flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Take short showers, less than ten minutes.
- Run full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washer.
- If washing and rinsing dishes by hand, don't leave the faucet running. Instead, use a stopper to capture wash and rinse water in a sink.
- Running water from the faucet until it's cold is wasteful. Keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator.

