

Water - Use it Wisely!

Fresh, clean drinking water is yours to use whenever you need it. But not to waste!

It's too valuable. Remember, a little bit of common sense will make a big difference!

By following the tips in this brochure your household could save thousands of gallons of water each year!

You'll not only reduce your water use, but your water bill as well!

For additional water conservation tips and information about how you can help protect our water supplies, please contact Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department at (909) 798-7516, or visit our web site at:

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Average Water Use:

The average household uses about one acre-foot of water per year. That's over 326,000 gallons of water!

On average, here's how much water everyday activities can use.

- Landscaping (350 gal. per day)
- Car Washing (150 gal.)
- Driveway Cleaning (150 gal.)
- Shower (40-70 gal. / 10 minutes)
- Bath (20 gal.)
- Brushing Teeth (3 gal./ day with faucet on)
- Shaving (5 gal. / day with faucet on)
- Toilet (3.5-7 gal. / flush for older toilets)
- Dishwasher (15 gal. / load)
- Washing Dishes by Hand (20 gal.)
- Clothes Washer (40-48 gal. / load)
- Running the Tap (5 gal. / minute)

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**25 WAYS
TO PREVENT
WATER
WASTE**



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In the Bathroom:

- 1.** Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color begins to appear in the bowl you have a leak that needs to be repaired.
- 2.** Install Ultra Low Flush Toilets (ULFTs). New toilet designs use 1.6 gallons per flush or less (compared to 3.5 to 7 gal.)
- 3.** Only flush when needed. Don't use toilets for cigarette butts, disposable diapers, etc.
- 4.** Place a water displacement device in your toilet tank. Plastic bottles or bags work best. Make sure to keep them away from toilet flush mechanisms.
- 5.** Take short showers. Long showers can waste five to ten gallons a minute.
- 6.** Wash in the bath tub. A partially filled tub uses less water than showering.
- 7.** Turn off the water when shaving or when brushing your teeth.
- 8.** Install water-saving shower heads and flow restrictors.
- 9.** Replace washers to prevent dripping faucets.
- 10.** Check pipes for leaks.



In the Kitchen & Laundry Room:



- 11.** Wash full loads. Make sure dish washer and clothes washer are full before turning on.
- 12.** Fill the sink. When washing dishes by hand fill wash and rinse basins with water - don't let water run continuously.
- 13.** Choose water-saving cycles on appliances to further reduce water use.
- 14.** Install water-saving devices such as aerators or flow restrictors.
- 15.** Check pipes, faucets, and fittings for leaks. Replace washers and repair or replace fixtures, connections, and fittings as needed to avoid water waste.

Outside:

- 16.** Plant drought-resistant trees and plants which require less watering than other species.
- 17.** Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to check is to step on it. If it springs back it doesn't need watering.
- 18.** Give your lawn a good drink. Water long enough to deeply soak the roots.
- 19.** Water at the right time. Early morning is best.
- 20.** Adjust your sprinklers. Avoid wasting water on sidewalks and driveways and during windy days.
- 21.** Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants to help keep soil moist. For details on how to receive free mulch call our Solid Waste Division at (909) 798-7529.
- 22.** Don't let the hose run while washing cars, animals, etc.
- 23.** Use a broom, rake, or leaf blower instead of water to clean sidewalks and driveways.
- 24.** Install water-saving devices. Use a nozzle that can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray.
- 25.** Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.