

Every Drop Counts... Be a Water Super-Hero!



WATER USE EFFICIENCY IS PAINLESS

Using water wisely has been a way of life in south Orange County for many years, but it's especially important now. We import as much as 90% of our water supply from the

Colorado River and Northern California. Historic dry conditions in those areas as well as in Southern California - coupled with potential legal and regulatory constraints on our aqueduct systems - make it essential for residents and businesses to use water as efficiently as possible.

The good news is, you CAN help by taking on the 20-Gallon Challenge! If every person can save 20 gallons of water a day that will significantly help the region by allowing more water to stay in storage to meet future demands. And saving water is easier than you might think. A few simple changes can make a big difference in your water usage.

Keep in mind that in our region up to 60% of water is used on

landscape irrigation and outdoor uses. So, make sure you

think inside AND outside to maximize water savings.



Beautiful native and California Friendly plants can save 30-60 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet

Contact your local water agency for more information:



San Clemente (949) 361-8354



San Juan Capistrano (949) 493-1515



(949) 499-4555

For ideas on how to save water in and around your home, look at the tips on this flier, visit www.bewaterwise.com and www.h2ouse.org, or call your local water agency.

INDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

Higher cost - More effort required TIP LEGEND No cost - Easy to do Low cost - More effort required **Conservation Tip: Estimated Savings:**

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Run the dishwasher only when full.	2-4.5 gallons per load
Don't leave water running when washing dishes - reuse sudsy sink Water, then rinse clean.	2.5 gallons per minute
Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving.	2 gallons per minute
Shorten showers.	2.5 gallons per minute
Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.	1.6-3.5 gallons per flush
Wash only full loads of clothes.	15-50 gallons per load
Fix leaky toilets.	30-100+ gallons per day
Fix leaky faucets.	15-20 gallons per day
Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets.	4.7 gallons per day
Replace older, high volume washers with high efficiency ones. \$100 rebates for single family residences: 1-800-954-4344 or www.mwdoc.com/wue \$75-\$110 rebates for multi-family units: 1-877-728-2282 or mwd.saveabuck.com	20-30 gallons per load
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