

## WHY WATER CONSERVATION?

AS DROUGHT CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO PERSEVERE IN CALIFORNIA, OUR FOCUS IS TO CONTINUE TO MEET OUR CUSTOMERS' WATER NEEDS TODAY WHILE PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES FOR TOMORROW. BY PRACTICING WATER CONSERVATION, WE ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP STRETCH OUR WATER SUPPLY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT IT WILL BE THERE FOR US TODAY, AS WELL AS INTO THE FUTURE.

CONSERVING WATER AT HOME SAVES WATER FOR THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT THAT DEPEND ON IT.

WATER CONSERVATION SAVES ENERGY IN THE FORM OF ELECTRICITY USED TO PUMP AND TREAT THE WATER, THEREBY LOWERING CARBON EMISSIONS. SAVING WATER AT HOME HELPS TO REDUCE THE LOAD ON WASTEWATER AND SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND REDUCES COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SEPTIC SYSTEM OVERLOAD.

BY REDUCING YOUR HOUSEHOLD WATER CONSUMPTION, YOU SAVE MONEY BY USING LESS WATER, AND YOU'LL USE LESS ENERGY TO RUN YOUR WATER HEATER.



THE BEAR RIVER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WATER CONSERVATION TIPS AND AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY. THIS DOCUMENT IS MEANT TO PROVIDE WATER CONSERVATION TIPS TO HELP SAVE OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE.

CALIFORNIA IS CURRENTLY IN A SEVERE DROUGHT STATE. DROUGHT CONDITIONS REMIND US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY WATER AND THE NEED FOR COMMUNITIES TO CONSERVE WATER IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER. WATER CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES NOT ONLY HELP US, BUT ALSO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PLANET.

*WUSA Meetings Are Open To The Public and Held The 3rd Wednesday of Each Month at 6:00 p.m. at the Tish Non Community Center*

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## TIPS ON SAVING WATER

### OUTDOORS

#### REEL IN THAT HOSE

SELECT DROUGHT RESISTANT PLANTS FOR THE GARDEN. MANY SUCCULENTS NOT ONLY REQUIRE LESS WATER, BUT CAN TOLERATE LONG STRETCHES OF DROUGHT AND HEAT.

#### HOW WE CAN HELP

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON WATER SAVING DEVICES FOR THE HOUSEHOLD OR GARDEN, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITES BELOW.

#### *We Invite You to Explore These*

#### *Water Conservation Resources*

[www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense)

[www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org)

[www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com)

[www.h2ouse.org](http://www.h2ouse.org)

#### The 20-Gallon Challenge

<http://www.20gallonchallenge.com>

#### Water for Tomorrow

<http://www.waterfortomorrowmag.com>

### INDOORS

#### FIX THE LEAKS

A LEAKING FAUCET CAN LOSE UP TO 20 GALLONS PER DAY. A LEAKING TOILET CAN LOSE UP TO 50 GALLONS PER DAY. TOGETHER THAT'S OVER 25,000 GALLONS PER YEAR!

#### TURN IT OFF

TURN THE WATER OFF WHEN SHAVING, BRUSHING TEETH OR DOING DISHES. A RUNNING FAUCET LOSES 2—2 1/2 GALLONS PER MINUTE. REDUCING YOUR FAUCET RUN TIME BY JUST 5 MINUTES A DAY CAN SAVE OVER 4,000 GALLONS IN A YEAR!

#### STEP INTO THE SHOWER

A FULL BATH TUB USES UP TO 70 GALLONS OF WATER. A FIVE MINUTE SHOWER ONLY USES ABOUT 20 GALLONS, AND SHORTENING THAT SHOWER TO FOUR MINUTES CAN SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 4-5 GALLONS.

#### FEWER LOADS

BY WASHING ONLY A FULL LOAD OF LAUNDRY, YOU SAVE BETWEEN 15 AND 50 GALLONS PER LOAD. A TYPICAL AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER USES 15 GALLONS PER CYCLE.

#### LOOK FOR THE LABEL

INSTALLING WATER SENSE LABELED PRODUCTS IN YOUR HOME SUCH AS AERATORS AND SHOWERHEADS CAN SAVE THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF WATER PER YEAR FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD.

CONSIDER USING DRIP IRRIGATION FOR TREES AND SHRUBS. THIS ALLOWS FOR A SLOW AND STEADY FLOW DIRECTLY TO THE ROOTS OF THE PLANTS.

AIM YOUR SPRINKLERS TO AVOID OVER-SPRAY SO THAT YOU ARE WATERING YOUR GARDEN, NOT THE DRIVEWAY.

STOP WATERING WHEN YOU SEE RUN OFF. IF YOU NOTICE A LOT OF RUNOFF, TRY SPLITTING YOUR WATERING TIME INTO TWO CYCLES, THIS GIVES THE SOIL TIME TO ABSORB WATER BETWEEN THE CYCLES.

WATER ONLY WHEN IT IS NEEDED. PLANTS REQUIRE LESS WATER IN THE WINTER, SO BE SURE TO ADJUST YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

ATTACH A SHUTOFF NOZZLE ON THE END OF YOUR GARDEN HOSE. A TYPICAL GARDEN HOSE LEFT RUNNING WILL LOSE 10 GALLONS EVERY MINUTE. AVOID USING THE HOSE TO RINSE DOWN THE WALK OR DRIVEWAY. USE A BROOM INSTEAD.

#### WATER WISELY

WATER YOUR LAWN AND GARDEN IN THE LATE EVENING OR EARLY MORNING. THIS REDUCES WATER LOSS FROM EVAPORATION AND WIND.