

# Saving Water... it's a good thing

What does reducing  
water consumption by 15% look like?

## SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE WATER AROUND THE HOUSE

California is in a serious drought, and every household is being asked to reduce their water usage by 15% to conserve local water supplies. This may seem challenging but adopting some simple habits into your routine can make a big difference. The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. Using the tips below, find the right combination for you to reduce by 15%, or 29 gallons, a day.



**FILL THE BATHTUB HALFWAY OR LESS**  
saves 17-25 gallons of water per bath



**FIX LEAKS**  
saves 27-90 gallons of water per day



**INSTALL AERATORS**  
saves 0.7 gallons per minute



**INSTALL HIGH-EFFICIENCY TOILETS**  
saves 6-35 gallons per day



**RECYCLE INDOOR WATER AND  
USE IT TO IRRIGATE YOUR GARDEN**  
cuts water use by 30%



**TAKE 5-MINUTE SHOWERS  
INSTEAD OF 10-MINUTE SHOWERS**  
saves 12.5 gallons per shower  
with a water-efficient showerhead



**TURN OFF WATER WHEN BRUSHING  
TEETH OR SHAVING**  
saves 8 gallons per person each  
time you brush your teeth or shave



**WASH FULL LOADS OF CLOTHES**  
saves 15-45 gallons per load



**USE A DISHWASHER INSTEAD  
OF HANDWASHING**  
saves up to 24 gallons per load of dishes



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