

# 10 WAYS to live WATERSMART!



San Diego County Water Authority  
And Its 24 Member Agencies

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## Seek (free) professional help.

Request a no-cost home water-use evaluation and receive site-specific water-saving recommendations.



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## Look for trouble.

Use your meter to check for leaks, and monitor water bills to check for changes that may signal a leak or other problems.



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## Tame your turf's thirst.

Water only when needed. Test by stepping on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Irrigate in the evening or early morning, and set lawn mower blades to 3 inches to reduce evaporation. (Make sure to comply with local irrigation rules.)



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## Come clean with the car.

Patronize car washes that recycle water. (If washing at home, use a bucket, sponge and self-closing hose nozzle.)



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## Turn off the tap.

Don't let the water run when brushing teeth, shaving and lathering; wash fruit and vegetables in a bowl of water; scrape food waste instead of rinsing.



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## Start making WaterSense®.

Replace older appliances and fixtures with efficient WaterSense® models, and take advantage of incentives to save money.



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## Load 'em up.

Wash full loads of laundry and dishes to save water, energy and time.



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## Work from the ground up.

Improve your soil's ability to retain moisture by aerating heavy or compacted soil and routinely incorporating compost. Add mulch around trees and plants.



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## Handle with care.

Regularly check your irrigation system for leaks, misting, overspray, runoff and broken sprinkler heads. Repair promptly. Upgrade to water-efficient irrigation systems to ensure plants receive precisely the water they need.



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## Get an upgrade.

When adding or replacing trees, shrubs, groundcovers or flowers, choose less-thirsty varieties. Group plants with similar watering needs together. Incorporate plants such as edibles and shade trees that provide added benefits.



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