

OUTDOOR WATER SAVING TIPS

TIP LEGEND <u>No cost - Easy to do</u>	<u>Low cost - More effort required</u>	<u>Higher cost - More effort required</u>
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Landscape Irrigation

Conservation Tip:	Estimated Savings:
Water before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m.	20-25 gallons per day
Don't Over-water! 1.) Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1-3 minutes, or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week. Use the watering calculator to create a custom irrigation schedule: www.bewaterwise.com 2.) Water only after the top inch of soil is dry 3.) Adjust irrigation controllers and replace batteries in the spring and fall	15-25 gallons per minute Up to 250 gallons per cycle
Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff	15-25 gallons per day
Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads	20 gallons per day per leak
Add 2-3 inches of mulch around trees & plants to reduce evaporation	20-30 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet
Install water-efficient drip irrigation system for trees, shrubs and flowers to get water to the plant's roots more efficiently	20-25 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet
Upgrade to a "smart irrigation timer" that automatically adjusts watering times based on the weather and turns off when it rains. Rebates are available! Visit www.mwdoc.com/SmartTimer	20-40 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet
Replace a portion of lawn with beautiful native and California Friendly plants. NOTE: These plants do best when planted after winter rains begin. For great examples visit the Tree of Life Nursery in San Juan Capistrano. Also, visit: www.bewaterwise.com & www.thegarden.org	30-60 gallons per day per 1,000 square feet depending on micro-climate



Adjusting misaligned and leaky spray heads can save 20 gallons a minute!

Other Outdoor Ideas

Conservation Tip:	Estimated Savings:
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.	20 gallons per minute
Adjust your pressure reducer (if you have one) to keep pressure between 40 and 60 p.s.i.	Varies with pressure
Use an automatic shutoff nozzle on your hose when washing your car.	20 gallons per minute
Better yet, use a commercial car wash, which recycles their water.	200+ gallons per wash
Repair any leaks around pool and spa pumps.	20 gallons per day per leak
Repair leaking hose bibs (outdoor faucets).	15-20 gallons per day
Install covers on pool and spas to reduce evaporation.	30 gallons per day
Install a pressure reducer if your pressure is greater than 80 p.s.i.	Varies with pressure

For more information on rebates (\$\$\$) available for water saving devices, visit:
www.mwdoc.com/Water_Use_Efficiency.html

For additional water conservation information, visit the following websites:
www.bewaterwise.com & www.h2ouse.org

For commercial and industrial water conservation tips, visit **www.mwdsaveabuck.com**

Contact your local water agency for specific information:



City of San Clemente



City of San Juan Capistrano



City of Dana Point



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