

w a t e r s u p p l y Solutions

WATER SAVING STRATEGIES — For the Home

- **Install a water-saving showerhead.** LADWP customers can get one free. Call 1-(800) U-ASK-DWP (827-5397) or 1-(800) 342-5397 for the location of the nearest branch office distributing them. Showerheads from LADWP save water and still give you a cleansing and refreshing shower. If you are replacing a high flow showerhead, you can save as much as 20 gallons for a 10-minute shower.
- **Take shorter showers.** Save up to 2½ -5 gallons for every minute you cut back.
- **Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving** and save up to 3 gallons each time.
- **Check faucets and pipes for leaks.** Even a small drip can waste as much as 1,500 gallons a month.
- **Use your dishwasher for full loads only.** Every load uses about 15 gallons.
- **Use your clothes washing machine for full loads only.** It uses up to 60 gallons per load.
- **Don't leave tap water running.** Rinse vegetables or dishes in a full sink of water. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator so you won't have to run the tap to cool it.
- **Consider native and drought-tolerant plants and grasses** when planning your landscaping; adjust watering to take advantage of less-thirsty plants.
- **Do not allow the hose to run as you wash your car.** Use a self-closing hose nozzle, or turn off the water between rinses.
- **Water your lawn deeply and less frequently.** This practice improves root depth and plant health.
- **Water early in the morning or late in the evening** to take advantage of cooler temperatures and reduced evaporation.
- **Change lawn and plant watering schedule** seasonally.
- **Use a broom** instead of the hose.

WATER SAVING STRATEGIES — For the Office

- **Motivation.** Saving water saves money. Improving water use efficiency is smart business. A successful program requires that a desire to conserve water be present from the highest level of management on down. Management must be committed to and supportive of a companywide effort to conserve water.
- **Appoint a conservation manager.** Companies that appoint someone to be in charge of their conservation program achieve far better results.
- **Determine where your water is used.** Before implementing any kind of conservation program, know where your water is being used. It is also important to know how much water is being used for each of your firm's industrial processes and/or domestic needs.
- **Check your system for leaks.** Learn to read your water meter. LADWP provides literature that can guide you through this very important procedure. Detect leaks by routinely shutting down all water-using facilities and reading the water meter at intervals of the shutdown. If any movement of the meter dials occurs, water is leaking. If a leak is located, repair it as soon as possible.
- **Set a conservation goal.** Your water-saving goals should be realistic yet high enough to require substantial effort. Allow these goals to serve as progress reference points. They will illustrate the effectiveness of your water conservation program.
- **Involve employees.** Teach water awareness and promote a conservation ethic. Many companies have posted signs throughout their facilities to enhance awareness of water conservation goals and programs. Offer incentives for water-saving ideas. Once employees start thinking about their water use, water consumption usually decreases.
- **Look for opportunities to save.** Specify improved water use efficiency when replacing fixtures and equipment. Examine water intensive processes for possible water use reductions. Ask LADWP about available rebates and incentives.
- **Monitor your results.** Each water bill includes your consumption history. It is possible for you to follow this history and get an immediate idea as to how well you are doing compared to any one of the past 14 billing periods. Use charts, graphs, and other records to keep track of your conservation progress.

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