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Water Conservation

We have all seen it in the news. California is experiencing one of the worst droughts on record. Fortunately, there are many simple ways to conserve this precious resource. Here are just a few from the Association of California Water Agencies to get you started. Check out the [Save our Water website](#) for even more water saving ideas whether indoor or outdoors!

Outdoors

- ◆ Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
- ◆ Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- ◆ Choose a water-efficient irrigation system.
- ◆ Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool.
- ◆ Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.

Indoors

- ◆ Install aerators on kitchen and bathroom faucets to reduce flows to less than one gallon per minute.
- ◆ When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- ◆ Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables. Use it to water house plants.
- ◆ Turn water off when brushing teeth or shaving.
- ◆ Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- ◆ When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.



UC Davis Arboretum

All-Stars

The horticultural staff of the UC Davis Arboretum have identified 100 tough, reliable plants that have been tested in the Arboretum, are easy to grow, don't need a lot of water, have few problems with pests or diseases, and have outstanding quali-



ties in the garden. Many of them are California native plants and support native birds and insects. Most All-Star plants can be successfully planted and grown throughout California. To learn more about these All-Stars, find the right plants for your garden, planting plans and more, check out the [Arboretum All-Stars website](#).

NOTICE

San Joaquin County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
at 7850 R. A. Bridgeford Street, Stockton

WILL BE CLOSED FOR FACILITY REPAIRS

JUNE 8 – JUNE 23

For more information, please call (209) 468-3066 or visit

www.SJCreecycle.com

Water-Smart Landscaping

If you are planning to do any landscaping this summer, consider opting for a water-saving design. Did you know that of the estimated 29 billion gallons of water used daily by households in the US, more than 30% is devoted to outdoor use? The majority of this is used for landscaping.



You'll find a wealth of tips from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for designing and maintaining a beautiful water-smart landscape. Check out [EPA's](#)

[WaterSense page](#) for details.