

DROUGHT

Do's and Don'ts

If you live in a city affected by drought, follow these easy tips to help minimize the impact as much as possible.



Do's

- Do Only wash full loads of laundry and dishes to spread out wash cycles.**
- Do Look for leaky faucets and running toilets. Repairing a dripping faucet can save up to 150 gallons of water a week.** Utilize leak detector tablets to determine if your toilet has a leak.
- Do Comply with city burn-ban rules.** These often prohibit the use of fireworks, fires, and even wood stoves and fireplaces.
- Do Purchase water-saving shower heads, aerators, hose nozzles, and other efficient household items.** AM Conservation Group offers a full range of water conservation products.
- Do Store water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run for cool water.**
- Do Remove weeds from your lawn regularly.** Weeds compete with plants for nutrients and water.
- Do Collect water used to rinse fruit or vegetables, and use it to water plants.**
- Do Aim to do at least one thing per day to conserve water.**

Don'ts

- Don't Hand-wash your car.** Instead, take it to a car wash, where recycled water is used.
- Don't Leave the sink running while brushing your teeth or utilize a bathroom aerator to slow the flow of water when brushing your teeth.**
- Don't Over-water lawns and landscapes.** If watering is necessary, do it during the evening to reduce evaporation from the sun. Products like moisture meters can help measure this.
- Don't Take long showers.** Keeping showers under 5 minutes can save up to 1,000 gallons of water per month. Encourage your household members to shorten showers and utilize a shower timer.
- Don't Use the toilet as a waste basket for tissues, Band-Aids, etc.**
- Don't Keep water conservation tips to yourself.** Encourage family, friends and coworkers to be proactive about saving water (a "water-saving tip of the week" in your employee newsletter, a who-can-save-the-most-water contest among family members, etc.)