#### WATER SAVING RESOURCES

- California Department of Water Resources www.water.ca.gov
- California Water Efficiency Partnership https://calwep.org
- Metropolitan Water District (Southern California) www.bewaterwise.com
- For a list of local agencies in your region, visit www.saveourwater.com/find-your-water-agency
- Save Our Water (coalition) www.saveourwater.com
- Association of California Water Agencies www.acwa.com
- Environmental Protection Agency www.epa.gov/watersense
- Valley Water www.valleywater.org
- Alameda County Water District www.acwd.org





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# **DROUGHT HAPPENS. CONSERVE** WATER.



Reduce Toilet water fill the bathtub do not leave the tap use a glass of water USAGE Halfway Running When Brushing Your Teeth



### Dear Friend,

California is always on the doorstep of drought.

Through unprecedented action by the Legislature, the Governor, and the public, California was able to weather years of little rain and reduce water consumption across the board. Water will always be a precious resource and conservation should still be part of our daily lives. **Drought happens. Keep conserving water.** 

More information is available on my website at www.asmdc.org/lee

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my district office at **(408) 262-2501**.

Warmly,



ALEX LEE ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 25TH DISTRICT



## SAVING WATER

#### **Fix Leaks**

- Verify that your home is leak free. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when water is not being used. If the meter does not read the same, there is a leak.
- Repair dripping faucets. This can save up to 20 gallons a day per leak.
- Check your toilet for leaks. Put a few drops of food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak.

#### In the Kitchen

- Fully load the dishwasher and washing machines.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink with soapy water, then quickly rinse under a slow-moving stream from the faucet or fill the second sink with rinse water.
- Rinse vegetables in a filled sink or pan instead of under running water.
- Do not use running water to defrost frozen foods. Use a microwave or leave food in the refrigerator overnight.

#### In the Bathroom

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Use a glass of water for rinsing.
- When shaving, fill the bottom of the sink with water for use when rinsing.
- Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors.
- Take shorter showers or only fill the bathtub 1/2 of the way full.
- Flush the toilet less often. Throw tissues and other such waste in the trash.
- Install an ultra-low-flush toilet. This can cut the amount of water that goes down the drain about 50% of each flush.

#### SAVING WATER OUTDOORS

#### In the Yard

- Plant drought resistant trees and plants.
- Water the lawn and plants in the morning or evening to avoid evaporation.
- Raise the lawn mower blade to at least 3 inches. Taller grass holds water better.
- Use mulch to retain moisture in the soil.
- Avoid over-fertilizing your lawn. Apply fertilizers that contain slow-release, water insoluble forms of nitrogen.

#### Hoses, Cleaning and Pools

- Do not water your street, driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom to clean these areas. Position sprinklers so water lands on lawn and plants, not paved areas.
- Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle that can be adjusted down to a fine spray. Turn it off at the faucet to avoid leaks.
- Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass to do so.
- If you have a swimming pool, use a water saving pool filter.

