

# Help Out in a Drought

## Residents and Homeowner Associations

With hot, dry weather continuing in our area, our water supplies are at risk due to shortages and drought conditions. We need everyone in our community to help conserve water for the places where we need it most—including firefighting, hospitals, and public health. You can be a leader in the community by showing your support for water conservation and doing what you can to save this precious resource. Here are a few tips to get you started.



### STOP SILENT TOILET LEAKS



A leaky toilet can waste hundreds of gallons a day. Check for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank and waiting 5-7 minutes to flush. If color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak!

### CLEAN UP IN THE SHOWER



Replace your showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model and you'll save enough water each year to wash more than 80 loads of laundry.



### THINK OUTSIDE



Don't water in the middle of the day or you'll lose a lot of water to heat and evaporation. Make sure sprinklers only hit the lawn!

### TAKE A LOAD OFF



Don't run the washer for just one shirt or dish. Save water, energy, and money by waiting to wash until you have a full load.

### FOLLOW THE RULES



If your community has restrictions on outdoor watering during water shortages, respect the rules and save water for where it's needed most.

For more information, contact:

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