

From Your Local Water Utility **WAVES-OF-WAYS TO SAVE WATER**

TOILET

- Replace the flapper valve in your toilet tank
- Install a displacement device in your toilet tank
- Install a 1.6 gallon-per-flush toilet
- Flush less
- Remember, the toilet is not an ashtray or wastebasket
- Check for leaks with dye tablets
- Fix your toilet leaks

SINK

- Install a low-flow faucet aerator
- Install an aerator with a shutoff valve
- While shaving, brushing your teeth, etc., turn off the water
- When cold will do, avoid using hot water
- Fix your faucet leaks
- While doing dishes, washing vegetables, etc., turn off the water
- Keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator for drinking water
- Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave, not under running water
- Use your garbage disposal sparingly, or start composting your kitchen waste

TUB/SHOWER

- Install a low-flow showerhead
- Install a showerhead with a shutoff valve
- Take shorter showers
- Use less water for bathing
- Fix your showerhead leaks

DISHWASHER

- Wash only full loads
- Scrape, don't rinse your dishes before loading
- Choose low water use dishwashers

LAWN/GARDEN

- Water early in the morning or late at night, not during the day
- Water your plants only when they really need it
- Use a soil probe to check the depth of soil moisture around plants
- Water long and slow, rather than short and heavy
- Replace your lawn with native plants and landscape with low water using plants
- Mulch planting areas, and condition soil with mulch or compost for better moisture adsorption
- Keep your irrigation systems well maintained
- Plant trees where they will shade buildings and outdoor living areas

WASHING MACHINE

- Wash only full loads
- Avoid the use of hot water (which sets many stains) when cold will do
- Select a short wash cycle unless your clothes are very soiled
- Choose low water use washing machines, and consider a front loading washing machine

OTHER

- Wash your car with a bucket of water, saving the hose for the final rinse
- To clean up outside areas, use a broom, not a hose
- Locate your master cutoff valve in case of an emergency
- Cover your swimming pool
- Service your evaporative coolers regularly
- Check for leaks between your water meter in the street and your house
- Insulate all hot water pipes and the hot water heater
- Harvest rainwater from your roof for use on plants
- Slope your yard to plantings
- Investigate the use of greywater for landscape irrigation
- Post this flyer on your refrigerator as a water saving reminder

