



Let's Save Together waterwise

City of Santa Barbara

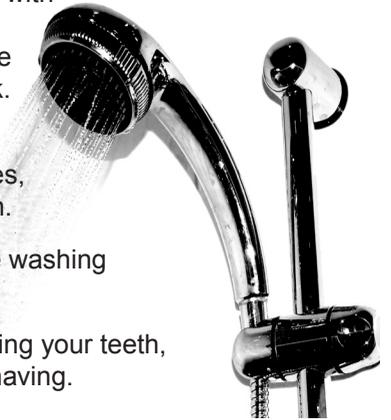
What's Your Water Usage?

Where Can You Save?

	Activity	Inefficient	Efficient
Bathroom	Shower (8 minute)	Old showerhead 4 gal/min, 32 gal	Low flow showerhead 2.5 gal/min, 20 gal
	Bath	2/3 full tub, 30 gal	1/3 tub 15 gal
	Brushing teeth	Tap running 3.5 gal	Quick rinse .5 gal
	Washing hands	Tap running 3.5 gal	Quick rinse .5 gal
	Shaving	Tap running 5-15 gal	Quick rinse .5 gal
	Toilet	3.5-7 gal tank, 31 gal/day	1.2-1.6 gal tank, 8 gal/day
Kitchen/Laundry	Laundry	Old washer 45 gal/load	High efficiency 13 gal/load
	Dishwasher	Full cycle 25 gal/load	Short cycle 12 gal/load
	Dishwashing by hand	Tap running 30 gal/set	Wash basin, 5 gal/set
Outdoor	Landscape	Turf ~1500 gal/wk	Water wise landscape, 325 gal/wk
	Washing Car	Running hose ~180 gal/wash	Bucket & hose with shutoff nozzle, 20 gal/wash

Indoor Conservation Practices

- Check your toilet for leaks with a dye tab and by ensuring the water level is below the over-flow tube in your tank.
- Fill a tub or the sink with water when washing dishes, instead of letting water run.
- Wash only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hands, or shaving.



- Install a high efficiency toilet.
- Install low-flow shower-heads and faucet aerators.
- Purchase Energy Star or WaterSense labeled appliances.

Outdoor Conservation Practices

- Adjust watering with the weather by using the online Watering Index and Landscape Watering Calculator.
- Check sprinklers often for leaks and overspray.
- Install a rain shut-off sensor.
- Use mulch to keep water from evaporating.
- Retrofit spray nozzles to efficient rotating nozzles.
- Install drip irrigation.
- Reduce turf and use water wise plants.
- Use a graywater system or rainwater catchment system.



Leak Detection



Even a small, slow leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water a month.

1. Repair leaks.
2. Check indoor and outdoor plumbing routinely.
3. Monitor your water bill and meter.
4. Get a free water check-up!



Water Conservation Program (805) 564-5460 or SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise