

Cut on
Dotted Lines

Fold on
Center Line

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LANDSCAPE

- Water your lawn only when it needs it. Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
SAVE: 25 gallons / each time you water
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
SAVE: 15-12 gallons / each time you water
- Choose a water-efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your trees, shrubs, and flowers.
SAVE: 15 gallons / each time you water
- Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool. Organic mulch also improves the soil and prevents weeds.
SAVE: 20-30 gallons / each time you water / 1,000 sq. ft.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
SAVE: 30- 60 gallons / each time you water / 1,000 sq. ft.

Information about evapotranspiration (ET) and weather based irrigation controllers is available at: <http://www.cuwcc.org> and www.cimis.water.ca.gov

CLEANUP

- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios.
SAVE: 8-18 gallons / minute
- Wash cars/boats with a bucket, sponge and hose with self-closing nozzle.
SAVE: 8-18 gallons / minute

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Dear Neighbor:

California's water is precious. Saving water is now more important than ever. In the spirit of neighbor helping neighbor, I wanted to alert you to the following:

- Your sprinklers are watering the pavement.** Adjusting your sprinkler heads to prevent overspray and runoff will save precious water.
- Your sprinklers were on during the rain.** Shutting off your sprinkler system when rain is predicted saves water. It's typically not necessary to water for a week or more following a storm. FREE rain sensors are available which will automatically shut off sprinklers.
- You have a broken sprinkler, and/or your irrigation system is leaking.** A broken sprinkler can waste 10 gallons per minute or 100 gallons in a 10-minute cycle. Making repairs right away is important to save water.
- Your sprinklers don't need to run every day.** Most landscapes do fine with only 2 or 3 days a week of watering, even less in the winter. To determine when to water, step on your grass. If it springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Your sprinklers are on during the day.** Watering only in the late evening or the early morning hours reduces water loss from evaporation and wind.



See the reverse side for more outdoor conservation tips.

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