DROP YOUR WATER WEIGHT
KICK-START YOUR DROUGHT DIET

Did you know the average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day? More significantly, we use up to 70% of that water outdoors by watering plants or filling our swimming pools. By making sure every drop counts, Los Angeles County residents can make a huge difference in protecting this resource for future generations.

Follow these simple tips to reduce water use indoors and out!

OUTDOOR

Look for leaky or broken sprinkler heads
Saves 20+ gallons per head every 10 minutes

Plant drought resistant trees and plants
Saves 30-60 gallons per 1,000 square feet each time

Install drip-irrigation
Saves 15 gallons each time you water

Use a broom to clean outdoor areas
Saves 8-18 gallons per minute

Water plants early in the AM or at night
Saves 25 gallons each time you water

Use mulch on soil surface
Saves 20-30 gallons per 1,000 square feet each time

Adjust sprinkler to water plants, not your driveway
Saves 12-15 gallons each time you water

Cover the swimming pool when not in use
Reduce the amount of make-up water needed by 30-50%

Set mower blade to 3" to encourage deeper roots
Saves 16-50 gallons per day

INDOOR

Check toilets for leaks
Saves 30-50 gallons per day per toilet

Wash only full loads of clothes
Saves 15-45 gallons per load

Run dishwasher when full instead of half full
Saves 5-15 gallons per load

Fill the bathtub halfway or less
Saves 12 gallons per person

Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving
Saves 10 gallons per person per day

Install aerators on bathroom faucets
Saves 1.2 gallons per person per day

Install a high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallons per flush)
Saves 19 gallons per person per day

Install a water-efficient shower head
Saves 1.2 gallons per minute or 10 gallons per 10 minute shower

Take five minute showers
Saves 12.5 gallons with a water efficient showerhead