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

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