

There are a number of ways
to save water...

- * Check your water meter and bill to track your water usage. If you suspect a leak, contact the Public Works Department at (805) 473-5460 for help detecting and solving the problem.
- * Don't use running water to thaw food.
- * Water your lawns before 10am or after 4pm so that water is less likely to be lost due to evaporation or wind.
- * Teach your children to turn the faucets off tightly after each use.
- * Use a hose with a spring loaded nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car.
- * Bathe your pets outdoors in an area in need of water.
- * Designate one glass for your drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of times you run your dishwasher.
- * Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost instead.

... and they all start with you!

...every drop counts!



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City of Arroyo Grande



Water Conservation



Plant during the spring or fall when the watering requirements are lower.

The City of Arroyo Grande's water is supplied from Lopez Reservoir and local ground water wells, which is a finite source. While the recent rains have assisted this year in avoiding a shortage, future projections in supply and demand are cause for concern. As a result, the City has a number of efforts under way to develop and/or study potential supply options to increase the reliability of the City's long-term water service. Water conservation is a key component of that effort. It is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. This brochure is the first in a series that will provide helpful tips on conserving water. There are many effective ways to conserve water in and around your home. Individuals can help by taking steps to reduce their water use, lower their water bills, and help avoid costly new water projects.



Use the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.

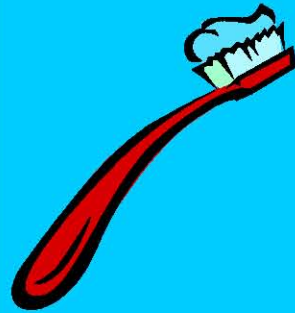
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 80 gallons of water every time.



Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full and you could save 1000 gallons a month.



Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.



Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.



Install a low flow toilet.

Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and can save 140 gallons a week.



Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.



Water your plants deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.

