

USE WATER WISELY



Enough to Use, None to Waste

It has been a dry year in California and that means water supplies are low going into next year. A second dry year could put a further strain on our supplies. Thanks to customer support of projects like the Los Vaqueros Reservoir, the Contra Costa Water District was able to maintain a supply of high-quality water despite these dry conditions.

But we all need to avoid wasting water. The Contra Costa Water District is urging customers to examine their water use and consider changes that will help them use water as efficiently as possible. Fall is a great time to install water-efficient appliances and adjust your sprinkler timers as shown on the other side of this card. For additional water-efficiency tips, call **688-8320** or visit **www.ccwater.com/conserve**.



KEEP THE GREEN



Adjust Your Fall Sprinkler Schedule for a Lush Garden and Water Bill Savings

Keeping your lawn and landscape in tip-top condition takes planning and work. Even when it gets hot in the fall, days are shorter and the sun is lower, which means plants don't need as much water to thrive. These tips will help you get the most value out of your watering schedule without compromising on quality:

- Set your sprinkler timer to water three short cycles early in the morning of each watering day. This helps water soak in.
- The best time to water is between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m.
- Check your sprinklers regularly to ensure that they are not bent, blocked or broken.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Lawn	3 days per week	2 days per week	1 day per week	0 days per week
Shrubs	2 days per week	1 day per week	0 days per week	0 days per week



Lawns use more water than many other plants. Consider replacing your lawn with drought-tolerant plants.