

Dry Conditions: What You Should Know



Putting pressure on water supplies, lack of rain underscores conservation efforts

The drought is official: In January, Governor Jerry Brown formally declared a statewide emergency. The proclamation confirmed what many in California already knew. California wasn't getting nearly enough rain or snow.

The typical rainy season in California extends through spring. However, the existing lack of rain means we all have the responsibility to continue saving water. Contra Costa Water District customers are encouraged to continue their commitment to conservation.

This is the perfect time for residents and businesses to evaluate water use and see what improvements are available so not a drop goes to waste. See the opposite side of this card for no- and low-cost water-saving ideas. Saving water saves money.

To stay up to date on the drought situation in your community, visit www.ccwater.com. Thank you for helping us weather this drought.



What You Can Do...



QUICK FIX

Something you can do right now

Reduce Landscape Water Schedule

The typical home sprinkler system delivers at 10 gallons every minute. So if your schedule is set to water for 10 minutes, that means 100 gallons of water are used. And that is just for one sprinkler station. Try reducing your schedule by one watering day for significant savings.

Save up to
400 gallons per week

SMART PURCHASE

An affordable way to save more

Buy High-Efficiency Toilets

Toilets installed prior to 1994 use 3.5–5.0 gallons per flush. Modern toilets with a WaterSense label use only 1.28 gallon per flush. Through the end of the year, CCWD provides \$125 rebates to eligible customers for the purchase of high-efficiency toilets. Visit www.ccwater.com for eligibility information.



Save up to
5,500 gallons per year

GREAT INVESTMENT

A big idea for long-term savings

Lose the Lawn and Get a Garden

Lawns are the biggest water user at most homes. A typical front lawn (750 sq. ft.) will use more than 28,000 gallons in a year. CCWD provides up to \$500 in rebates to replace a water-thirsty lawn with a water-wise garden. For program information, visit www.ccwater.com or call **688-8320**.



Save up to
14,000 gallons per year