



# Conservation Tips

The best way to save on your SCWA bill is to make sure you are using water efficiently.

## Limit Lawn Watering

### Try an Odd/Even Schedule

Odd numbered addresses water on odd days, while even numbered addresses water on even days.



### Smart Irrigation Systems

Built-in water saving features include weather sensors that adjust optimal sprinkler run times to reduce wasted/excess water.

### Rain Sensors

Can be added to most existing irrigation systems to reduce wasted/excess water.

### Reducing Run Times/Run Days

- Manually adjust irrigation timers to water 2/3 days per week with shortened run times per zone. This reduces over-watering which helps support deep root growth for a healthier lawn.
- Change irrigation timers to run between 9 p.m. and midnight to reduce water use during peak hours.

## Join SCWA's East End Water Wise Club

The East End Water Wise Club is a water conservation-oriented initiative that offers customers the opportunity to apply for an account credit of up to \$50 per account for the purchase of low-flow showerheads and faucet fixtures and/or a rain sensor for lawn watering systems.

To join, go to [www.scwa.com/eastendwaterclub/](http://www.scwa.com/eastendwaterclub/)



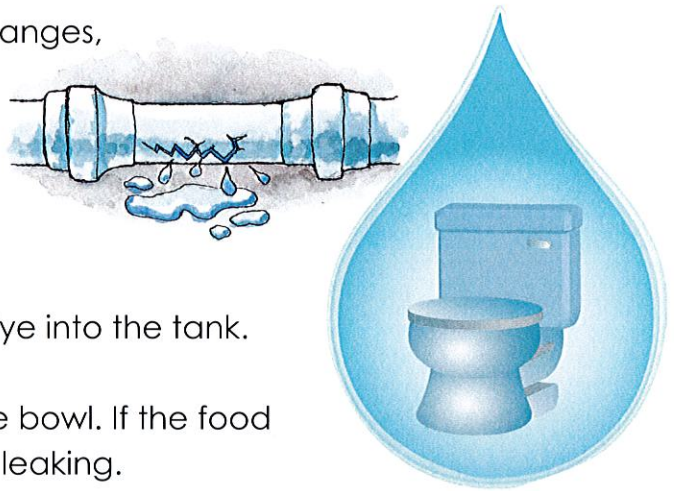
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## Detect and Fix Leaks

### To check for leaks:

- Make sure all faucets/spigots inside and outside your home are closed tightly.
- Look at your water meter and note the number.
- Leave faucets/spigots closed for 20 minutes.
- Look at your water meter again. If the number changes, you likely have a leak somewhere in your home.
- Inspect the piping in your home for cracks and leaks. Check outdoor piping and hoses as well.



### To check your toilet for leaks:

- Remove the toilet tank lid.
- Drop one tablet or ten drops of food dye into the tank.
- Put the lid back on. Do not flush.
- Wait 10-15 minutes and then check the bowl. If the food dye appears in the water, your toilet is leaking.

## Limit Indoor Water Usage

- Limit shower times to five minutes.
- Make sure the faucet is turned off when brushing teeth, shaving, and soaping hands.
- Run washing machines and dishwashers only when full.



## Limit Outdoor Water Usage

- Instead of washing your car in the driveway, bring it to a commercial car wash that recycles water instead.
- Consider a low maintenance lawn.
  - Use native ground cover that requires little water instead of grass.
- Use mulch when planting to prevent water loss through evaporation.

## Use EPA "WaterSense" Products

Look for the EPA "WaterSense" logo when purchasing washing machines, dishwashers, showerheads, sinks, toilets, faucet aerators and other water products.

