

# Water Usage



## Outdoors



- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants. Save 30-60 gallons each time you water/1,000 sq. ft.



- Add a layer of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool. Save 20-30 gallons each time you water/1,000 sq. ft.



- One of the most water-consuming plants in a typical residential landscape is the lawn. Consider replacing your turf with water efficient plants and shrubs.



- Take Advantage of the Free Sprinkler Nozzles Program - get your free precision spray nozzles while supplies last. Check out the Free Sprinkler Nozzles Program at [Freesprinklernozzles.com](http://Freesprinklernozzles.com) - Each nozzle saves up to 1,400 gallons per year.



- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway. Save over 7,000 gallons a year.



- Install a "smart" irrigation controller. Saves 15,000 gallons a year!



- Utilize the District's new drought focused tool [MyWaterTracker](#). Log into your District account and see almost real time how your water use compares to your water budget for the current billing period.

## In the Kitchen



- Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap.



- Cook food in as little water as possible. This also helps it retain more nutrients.



- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

## In the Bathroom



- Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor. Save up to 300 gallons a months.



- Take 5-minute showers instead of 10 minute showers. Save 12.5 gallons with a low flow showerhead, 25 gallons with a standard 5.0 gallon per minute showerhead.
- Turn off the water while washing your hair. Save up to 150 gallons a month.



- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.



- Use the washing machine for full loads only. You can save water & energy.
- Install a water-efficient clothes washer. Save 16 gallons per load.

## Stay Within Your

# Water Budget

For additional water savings tips please visit our website at [www.ranchowater.com](http://www.ranchowater.com)

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