

# WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

## IN LOS ANGELES, YOU CANNOT:

- Use water to wash any hard surfaces such as sidewalks, walkways, driveways or parking areas, unless flushing is needed to protect health and safety;
- Use water to clean, fill or maintain decorative fountains unless the water is part of a recirculating system;
- Serve water to customers in eating establishments unless requested;
- Permit leaks from any pipe or fixture to go unrepaired;
- Allow for the washing of a vehicle without using a hose with a self-closing, shut-off device;
- Permit watering during periods of rain;
- Irrigate landscaping between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.;
- Water outdoors for more than 15 minutes per watering station, 10 minutes for other irrigation systems;
- Allow runoff onto streets and gutters from excessive watering;
- Install single-pass cooling systems in new buildings;
- Install non-recirculating systems in new car wash and commercial laundry systems;
- Permit large landscape areas to water without rain sensors that shut off irrigation systems; and

## YOU SHOULD:

- Inform hotels and motel guests of the option to reuse towels;
- Allow for exemptions for using gray water.

# WATER SAVING TIPS

**Fix leaky faucets, plumbing joints and your sprinkler system.** Saves 20 gallons a day for every leak stopped.

**Use a broom** to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons or more each time.

**Shorten your showers.** Even a one- or two-minute reduction can save up to 375 gallons per month.

**Adjust your sprinklers** so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs - and only there. Saves 500 gallons a month.

**Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.** Saves up to 200 gallons a month.

**Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.** Saves 300 to 800 gallons a month.

**Use only as much water on your lawn as you need.** Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Use the watering calculator and watering index found at [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com) to learn just how much you should water. Saves 750 to 1,500 gallons a month.

**Replace your old washing machine with a new, high-efficiency model.** Saves 20 to 30 gallons per load. Learn more about how you can receive a \$250 rebate from LADWP at [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com).

**Install a new "smart" sprinkler controller** that applies the right amount of water for your landscape. These controllers can save 40 gallons a day.