

## **WATER CONSERVATION**

Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply.

### **Indoor Water Saving Tips**



- Fix leaking faucets, pipes, toilets, etc.
- Replace old fixtures; install water-saving devices in faucets, toilets and appliances.
- Only run the dishwasher or washing machine with a full load.
- Take shorter showers.

Water resources are vital for the functioning of our homes, our businesses and our community. It is to your benefit as a homeowner, businessperson or community resident to use water wisely. If you save water, you save money and energy and you help save the environment. The City of Santa Paula's Water Division has several water-saving tips that will help you conserve water in your home. Most of the water used in your home is used in the bathroom. An older toilet uses three and a half to five gallons for each flush and a shower uses five to ten gallons per minute. You can consider changing out your older toilets with Ultra-Low Flush Toilets, and your older showerheads with Low-Flow showerheads. To avoid unnecessary water use, do not use the toilet for a trashcan and flush only when necessary. Check for leaks in the toilet tank or bowl, which can waste thousands of gallons of water a day. Shorten the length of your showers. Turn off the water while soaping or shampooing and consider using flow restrictors or water-saving showerheads. Turn off the sink faucet while shaving, washing, or brushing your teeth.

Water can also be saved in the kitchen. When cooking most foods, use less water and put a lid on the pot. Plug the drain or use a pan of water when washing vegetables. The water can later be poured onto houseplants. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Load the dishwasher to capacity. A partially filled washer wastes water and energy.