

- ☘ Use a basin of water rather than running water to clean fruits and vegetables.
- ☘ Wash only full loads of laundry, on the short cycle, in your washing machine.
- ☘ Insulated hot water pipes or hot water recirculating systems get hot water to the tap faster.
- ☘ Use a swimming pool/spa cover to reduce evaporation.
- ☘ Plant low water-use plants and use water-conserving materials in landscaping.
- ☘ Water landscaping in the early morning or late evening, to avoid rapid evaporation during the heat of the day. (See Regulations)
- ☘ Don't water on windy days, to avoid evaporation and overspray.
- ☘ Use a low-volume / high-pressure system to wash structures, surfaces or vehicles.

*Some of these regulations may be more stringent in your area.*

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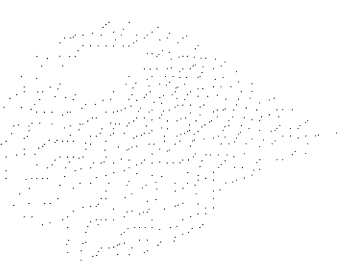
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**Important!**



**Water Conservation  
Information  
for  
Residents / Renters  
in**

**Monterey County**

*Use water wisely!*

Even though, at times, water may seem to be abundant, Monterey County has a long-term water supply problem. For example, in the Salinas Valley, more water is being pumped out of the ground water supply than nature – and the County’s reservoirs – can replace; and on the Monterey Peninsula, water storage is limited and there are restrictions on the amount of water available. Water conservation is a way of life for those of us who live and work in Monterey County.

This quick reference brochure gives you an overview of Monterey County’s water conservation regulations and some tips on other water-wise practices to use in and around the home.

If you have any questions, please call your local water conservation coordinator (see back page).

**Water Conservation Regulations**

No water may be used wastefully or without reasonable purpose.

Plumbing leaks must be repaired within 72 hours of their discovery (24 hours in the City of Salinas).

Any hose used for washing vehicles must have an automatic shutoff nozzle.

Any hose used for washing the outside of any building must have a shutoff nozzle.

Use of a hose to clean the sidewalk, driveway, etc. is prohibited, except in matters of public health or safety. Use of a bucket for such tasks is not prohibited.

Allowing water to spill into streets, curbs or gutters, in excess of beneficial use, is prohibited.

Emptying and refilling pools and spas is prohibited, except where necessary to prevent or repair structural damage or to comply with public health regulations.

Decorative fountains may only use water recycled within the system.

Monterey Peninsula residents may not water landscaping between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, unless using drip irrigation or hand-watering with an automatic shutoff nozzle.

Repeated violations may result in fines.

**Water Conservation Tips**

Ultra-low flow showerheads (2.5 gallons per minute) can save about 3 gallons per minute.

Ultra-low flush toilets (1.6 gallons per flush) can save up to 5 gallons per flush.

Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket or ashtray; flush only when necessary.

Don't let the water run while you brush your teeth or shave; you can save 3 gallons or more.

Low flow faucets or low flow aerators can save about 2.5 gallons per minute.

When hand-washing dishes, use a basin of water rather than letting the tap run.

When using a dishwasher, run only when full and choose the short cycle option.

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap until it cools.

Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave rather than under running water.

For Owner/Property Manager's Records

Property Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have received a copy of *Water Conservation Information for Residents / Renters in Monterey County*.

Tenant's Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_