



Tip Sheet

Monte Vista Water District is responding to record-dry conditions and reductions in our imported water supplies by asking our customers to “Watch the Water!” See below how you can cut back on daily water usage and protect this precious resource.

If you...

- ◆ While **hand watering**, focus on dry spots, pay attention to avoid runoff
- ◆ **Reduce irrigation cycles** by 1-3 minutes
- ◆ Irrigate your landscapes only in the **early morning hours** (5 a.m.)
- ◆ Adjust irrigation timer valve **run times** seasonally
- ◆ Adjust sprinklers to avoid unnecessary **overspray**
- ◆ Fix leaky and broken **sprinkler heads**
- ◆ Replace spray head nozzles with **rotator nozzles**
- ◆ Use **drips** or **bubblers** to irrigate your flower and shrub beds
- ◆ Use irrigation controller with **rain sensor**
- ◆ Replace part of lawn with **low water use plants**
- ◆ Put 2-4 inches of **mulch** around bushes, trees and shrubs

Outdoor Landscaping

You'll save...

- ◆ **750-1,500 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **15-25 Gallons / Minute**
- ◆ **20-25 Gallons / Day**
- ◆ **250 Gallons / Cycle**
- ◆ **500 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **20 Gallons / Day**
- ◆ **1,200 Gallons / Year / Nozzle**
- ◆ **20-25 Gallons / Day**
- ◆ **40 Gallons per Day**
- ◆ **1,000-1,800 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **20-30 Gallons / Day / 1,000 ft²**

Outdoor Cleaning

- ◆ Clean sidewalks and driveways with **broom** rather than hose
- ◆ Take car to **car wash**, or at least use a **self-closing hose nozzle**
- ◆ Use **pool and spa covers**
- ◆ Repair **leaks** around hosebibs, spigots, pool and spa pumps
- ◆ Clean pool filter manually rather than **backwash**

- ◆ **8-18 Gallons / Minute**
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- ◆ **30 Gallons / Day**
- ◆ **15-20 Gallons / Day / Leak**
- ◆ **250-1,000 Gallons / Cleaning**

Indoor Living

- ◆ Fix **leaky** faucets and toilets
- ◆ Install **aerators** on all faucets
- ◆ Run only **full loads** in your clothes and dish washers
- ◆ Keep **showers** to less than 10 minutes
- ◆ Turn off water when **brushing teeth** or **shaving**
- ◆ Don't use toilet as **trash can**
- ◆ Replace old toilet with more **efficient toilet**
- ◆ Replace **clothes washer** with efficient appliance
- ◆ Replace old **showerhead** with one that uses 2.5 gallons per minute
- ◆ When **hand washing dishes**, fill sink, don't leave water running

- ◆ **20-50 Gallons / Day / Fixture**
- ◆ **4.7 Gallons / Day / Faucet**
- ◆ **300-800 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **700 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **240 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **400-600 Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **2.2-3.8 Gallons / Flush**
- ◆ **20-30 Gallons / Load**
- ◆ **1,000s of Gallons / Month**
- ◆ **2.5 Gallons / Minute**

For more  water-saving tips, go to www.mvwd.org

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