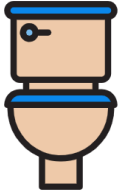




Water Conservation Tips



1. Replace your old toilets and save money with every flush

The City of Burlingame offers a rebate of up to \$100 when you replace your old toilet with a qualifying high efficiency toilet. Eligible toilets must be on the MaP Premium HET list and use less than 1.1 gallons per flush. For program details and application, please visit <http://bayareaconservation.org/rebates/toilets>.



2. Test your toilets for leaks at least once a year.

Toilet leaks can be silent! To test your toilet, put a dye tablet (or food coloring) in the tank. If color appears into the bowl without flushing, then there is a leak.



3. Use a WaterSense® labeled showerhead.

They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month. Need a new showerhead? Check out the Home Energy and Water Saving Toolkit at the Burlingame Public Library for free water conservation devices.



4. Always wash a full load of dishes in your dishwasher.

Dishwashers typically use less water than washing by hand. In the market for a new dishwasher? Buy a certified Energy Star dishwasher to save even more water and energy.



5. When upgrading your clothes washer machine, purchase an Energy Star model.

For a list of certified Energy Star products, visit www.energystar.gov. In the meantime, continue washing your clothes in full loads and wash your dark clothes in cold water to help keep your clothes retain their color.



6. Reduce the amount of turf grass in your lawn.

Convert your water-intensive turf lawn into a beautiful, California native garden. The California Department of Water Resources is offering a rebate of up to \$2,000 (while funds last), visit www.SaveOurWaterRebates.com for program rules.



7. Convert your sprinkler system to a drip irrigation system.

Installing a drip system is more efficient than a sprinkler system since it efficiently delivers water straight to your plants' roots. If you aren't able to install a drip system, consider replacing your sprinkler heads with micro-spray heads that use less water.

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8. Install a rain barrel to store water for future use.

Don't let good water go to waste! The City offers a rebate of up to \$100 off a qualifying rain barrel. Visit <http://bawsca.org/conserve/rebates/barrels> for complete rules and application. If you're new to rain barrels, attend a free landscape workshop. Upcoming classes are posted at www.bawsca.org/classes.



9. Spread a layer of organic mulch on your plants.

Applying a minimum of 2 inches of mulch to your shrubs helps reduce the need for frequent irrigation, increases plant health, and discourages weed growth.



10. Monitor your water bill for unusually high water use.

Your water bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.

More Ways to Save Water, Energy, and Money

Use an irrigation controller and set it properly.

Watering twice a week will satisfy most gardens. Make sure to adjust your irrigation scheduler based on the garden's water requirements and to turn it off during the winter. If you don't know how to operate your irrigation controller, attend a free workshop that can help you. Visit www.bawsca.org/classes for irrigation-related classes.



Equip all kitchen and bathroom faucets with aerators.

Installing a faucet aerator is as easy as screwing in a lightbulb. Visit the Burlingame Public Library and check out the Home Energy and Water Saving Toolkit for free supplies, including faucet aerators.



Remove turf lawn through the sheet mulching method.

Do you have a turf lawn that you're looking to replace with a drought-tolerant landscape? If so, did you know that you don't need chemicals to kill your lawn? Sheet mulching is an easy process of layering cardboard and mulch right on top of the grass. Plus, you can plant your new garden straight into the mulch. Visit www.LawnToGarden.org for step-by-step directions on how to sheet mulch.



Laundry-to-Landscape Graywater Program

Imagine reusing water from your clothes washer to help grow the plants in your garden. Using graywater can reduce the amount of drinking water used for irrigation. For upcoming workshops, visit www.bawsca.org/classes. For examples of graywater systems or a directory of trained installers, visit www.greywateraction.org.



Attend a Free Landscaping Workshop

Learn how to garden beautifully while reducing water use. For a list of upcoming workshops and to register online, visit www.bawsca.org/classes. For additional free landscaping classes, visit the UC Master Gardeners of San Mateo and San Francisco website at <https://ucanr.edu/sites/MGsSMSF>

