

# Del Rey Community Services District

# WATER CONSERVATION

## Inside the Home

### **Dishwasher**

- Use your automatic dishwasher only for full loads.

### **Washing Dishes by Hand**

- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water & fill the rinsing sink to 1/3 or 1/2 full-avoid letting the water run continuously in the rinsing sink.

### **Garbage Disposal**

- A garbage disposal requires a lot of water to operate properly. Use a disposal only when necessary.

### **Laundry**

- Run only full loads in the washing machine. Running the machine when it is full will save you time, energy & water.

### **Bathing**

- Take only shallow baths.

### **Shower**

- Limit the time water runs while you are taking a shower.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.
- Do not let the showerhead drip.
- Repair dripping faucets and showerheads.

### **Toilet Flushing**

- Avoid using your toilets as a wastebaskets. Tissues, insects & other things belong in a trash can, not the toilet.
- Check for toilet leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the bowl within 15 minutes. (Make sure to flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring can stain the tank.)

### **Washing Hands**

- Do not let the water run while you are washing your hands.

### **Brushing Teeth**

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.

## Outside the Home

### **Landscape**

- Reduce your watering days to once or twice per week. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.

### **Sprinklers**

- Check your sprinkler system frequently & adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered & not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Do not let your water hose run.

### **Faucets and Pipes**

- Check for faucet leaks.



### **Save Water Every Day**

California is facing severe water challenges. Water supplies for many cities, farms and businesses are being significantly reduced due to dry conditions. It is a growing pressure on the state's water storage & delivery system. Climate change is compounding the problem.

With water shortages a reality in many parts of the state, your efforts to save water can make a difference. Rethinking the way you use water-both indoors and outdoors-will help stretch our limited supplies & ensure water is there when we need it.