

TOP WAYS TO SAVE OUR WATER

- Reduce your turf grass, the single biggest water-using plant in most landscapes. Join the growing trend and transform your yard into an ocean-friendly garden featuring native plants, rainwater retention, and wise resource use. For great ideas and guidance, visit www.ventura.watersavingplants.com.
- Let's help each other stop water waste. If you spot a leak, talk to your neighbor or business owner. If you don't know them, contact Customer Care at myvtawater@cityofventura.net or (805) 667-6500 with the address and information about the problem and we'll take it from there.
- Be diligent about watching for and repairing leaks. As an older city, the aging pipes in our homes and businesses are more susceptible to developing leaks.
- Carefully review your water bill for unusual water use and learn how to check your meter. You may have a leak that is costing you money and wasting our water. Call your plumber, sooner rather than later, if you suspect a problem.
- Always be smart about your irrigation system and watering habits as 40-60% of residential water is used for outdoor watering.
- Replace indoor appliances and fixtures with water-efficient models that save both water and energy.



We are here to help!

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Water Efficiency

An average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day while the rest of the world consumes around 65 gallons or less per person daily.

Ventura relies 100% on local water sources that are only replenished by rain.

Let's work together to become the most water efficient community in California.



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Efficiency INSIDE

In The Bathroom

- Replace toilets with high-efficiency models that use only 1.28 gallons per flush. Flushing uses 25% of the water indoors.
- Watch and listen for toilet leaks and fix promptly. Toilet leaks are the #1 cause of indoor water waste.
- Take a five-minute shower with a water-efficient showerhead and use only 10-25 gallons. Baths use 70 gallons of water.

In The Kitchen

- Scrape instead of rinsing your dishes before loading in the dishwasher.
- Only run a full dishwasher.
- Compost your kitchen scraps and use in your lawn/garden soil to help it retain more water.
- Check faucets and pipes for leaks, including automatic ice makers and dishwasher hoses.
- Water your plants or garden with water used to rinse vegetables.

In The Laundry

- Replace your old washer with a high-efficiency model and save water and energy. Washing clothes uses between 15-40% of the water indoors.
- Select the minimum water volume per washing load or run only full loads.
- Consider a simple laundry to landscape graywater system. In Ventura County, a permit is not required. Search for "graywater" at www.ventura.org.

Efficiency OUTSIDE

In The Yard

- Adjust sprinkler spray patterns so they only water landscaping, not sidewalks.
- Check sprinklers once a month while running. Check for broken, bent or misaligned heads. Also trim back grass or other plants that are blocking sprinklers. If water runs off the lawn, reduce watering times. It may mean that your lawn needs to be aerated.
- Mow lawns to 2.5 to 3 inches. This will reduce water demand.
- Reset automatic watering schedules seasonally.



- Replace sprinklers with water-saving nozzles or better yet, convert to drip irrigation.
- Invest in a smart irrigation controller and a rain shut-off device that uses weather and soil information to adjust watering needs automatically.
- Water between 3 am and 8 am to reduce evaporation. Watering during the day can lose as much as 30% of the water to evaporation.
- Choose climate-appropriate plants and trees that are well suited to Ventura's weather.
- Plant your landscape in zones that group plants with like-watering needs.

- Use mulch and compost around trees, plants and bare dirt to help soil retain water and reduce runoff. City residents can pickup FREE mulch (first pile on the right) at Cornucopia Gardens which is located across from Community Park on Telephone Road just beyond Ramelli Drive.
- Install a rain barrel (or two) and harvest as much as 600 gallons from a typical roof per one inch of rain.

In The Outdoors

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save up to 80 gallons of water every time. Remember to put the debris in the trash, not in the street.
- Always use an automatic shut-off nozzle on your garden hose to prevent water waste.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash which uses only 45 gallons and typically recycles the water. Washing at home uses between 80-150 gallons which flows through the stormdrain to the ocean. If you must, wash your car on the lawn to water your landscape and prevent runoff.
- Use a cover on a spa or pool to prevent evaporation.

