



How much water can a water-smart garden save? Buckets!

Thank you for observing Phase II mandatory restrictions by watering only before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. There are more ways to save water in your garden! Below are some tips.

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Ideas from local water-smart gardens:

Mulch your garden

Right: Apply a 2-3" layer of mulch in planting beds to conserve water, suppress weeds, and protect the soil from compaction and erosion.

Check your irrigation system at least once per month

Monitor each cycle to find obvious problems and confirm that all components are working properly.

Water trees & shrubs by occasionally deep-soaking

with low-volume irrigation equipment (drip, soaker hoses, or micro-bubblers) to promote healthy, deep roots. *Below right:* Japanese maple thriving on infrequent watering.

Eliminate wasteful runoff

from sprinklers, on clay soils & slopes. *Below:* Allow water to soak by watering in shorter increments. If the walkway or road is wet, you're wasting water!



More ways to save water ...



Everywhere:

Repair leaks. Check your water system for leaks
(see www.slvwd.com for instructions)

Report leaks immediately to the District
at 338-2153

Conserve water during power outages.

Bathroom:

Install new toilets that use 1.6 gallons or less per flush.

Customers may receive up to a \$100 credit
from the District.

Turn off water while soaping hands and brushing teeth.

Install aerators in sink faucets.

Use a low-flow showerhead.



Outdoors:

Attach a shut-off nozzle on your hose for hand watering.

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Kitchen & Laundry:

Do full loads of wash.

Install faucet aerators in kitchen sink faucets.

Turn off sink faucets while scrubbing pots and pans.

Purchase an Energy-Star labeled washing machine.

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Questions?

Call 430-4627 or

check out the District website at

<http://www.slvwd.com>

and Water Conservation Coaliton of

Santa Cruz County website at

<http://www.watersavingtips.org>



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