

# WATER CONSERVATION SUGGESTIONS

Meadow Vista County Water District is asking customers to reduce water consumption by a minimum of 10 percent, with a 20 percent overall conservation as a desired goal for the duration of the drought.

Below are water conservation actions suggested by Placer County Water Agency, from whom Meadow Vista County Water District purchases untreated water for the purpose of treatment for domestic use at the District's Applegate treatment plant.

## Outdoor water use:

- Limit landscape watering to a maximum of 2 days per week during the months of April, May, June, September, October and November.
- Limit landscape watering to a maximum of 3 days per week during the months of July and August.
- Water only between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- Reduce irrigation cycles to limit runoff.
- Repair irrigation leaks promptly.
- Apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation.
- Use a bucket and hose with a shutoff nozzle for vehicle or equipment washing or take them to a commercial establishment that uses recycled water.
- Use a recirculation pump in all decorative water features or turn them off.
- Cover pools to prevent evaporation.
- Use a rake or broom instead of a hose to clean hard surfaces.
- Adhere to landscaping specifications outlined in the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance for any new landscaping ([www.water.ca.gov/water use efficiency](http://www.water.ca.gov/water_use_efficiency)).

## Indoor water use:

- Limit showers to 5 minutes or less.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- Convert to high-efficiency appliances such as toilets, showers and faucets, dishwashers and clothes washers.
- Check plumbing and appliances for leaks and fix them within 48 hours.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing teeth, washing dishes by hand or when shaving.