



## Background:

- Clean Water is Necessary for Health and Survival
- Twenty Minutes of Outside Watering Uses Up to 700 Gallons of Water
- Wasting water hurts the natural environment
- Less than 1% of earth's water can be used for farming, industry, homes, and offices
- Each year, water use around the world rises by 2-3%
- Wasteful watering can hurt plants



## What You Can Do:

### Know Your Watering System

- Know your City and County ordinances for neighborhood watering schedule
- Water once or twice a week during cooler parts of the day
- Do not water on rainy or windy days
- Fix broken sprinklers

### Know What and How to Plant

- Reduce or eliminate lawn areas
- Use native plants
- Choose right plant for right location
- Some plants prefer sun
- Some plants prefer shade

### Maintain Your Landscape

- Use mulch around trees and shrubs
- Longer grass blades are healthier
- Reduce chemical and fertilizer use
- Use fertilizers appropriate for area

## Benefits

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- Fewer dams and reservoirs.
- Fewer wastewater plants
- Smaller water, sewer, and energy bills
- Healthy Landscapes
- Lowers the need to build new drinking water facilities.
- Increases the drinking water supply that homes and offices use



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