

Water use facts and tips:



- Replace older washers with high efficiency machines (mostly front-loading varieties), which use about 50% less water and 70% less energy than older washers. Ask your route operator about these machines. A rebate may be available for the replacement of your old washing machine. Call the district at (408) 265-2607, extension 2707 for more details
- Adjust your watering schedule at least every month. Plants require only one-third as much water in October as they do in July.
- Leaks can account for 10-20% of an apartment building's water use. Check and repair all leaks.
- Check your sprinkler system at least once a month between April and October. Otherwise, broken and misaligned sprinklers can go undetected for months.
- The average apartment unit with ultra-low flush toilets uses approximately 17,000 fewer gallons of water per year than units with older toilets. Ask about our free or low cost toilet replacement programs.

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WATER-WISE House Calls

FOR APARTMENTS, CONDOS AND MOBILE HOMES



HOW EFFICIENT IS YOUR

WATER USE?

Save money, water and energy
with a **FREE Water-Wise
House Call** from the Santa
Clara Valley Water District!

Santa Clara Valley Water District 

Typical apartment water use



30%
OUTDOORS

20%
TOILETS

20%
SHOWER

10%
LAUNDRY

10%
LEAKS

8.5%
FAUCETS

1%
BATHS

0.5%
DISHWASHERS

Call today for a FREE Water-Wise House Call

...and start saving water and money!

With a Water-Wise House Call from the Santa Clara Valley Water District, you can get smart on water use and cut your water bills. Our trained technicians will come to your complex, check for leaks and give you customized water-use tips and outdoor watering schedules.

Who's eligible?

Owners and managers of apartments, condominiums, town houses and mobile homes are invited to participate. The program is available throughout Santa Clara County.

In previous house calls, we have found that over 20% of the participating apartment complexes and condominiums had at least one leak which averaged 245 gallons per day, or 90,000 gallons per year. Once repaired, that translates into great savings for you!

Start using less water now!



During the house call, we'll:

- Check your toilets for leaks and replace toilet flapper valves if needed and requested.
- Measure your showerhead flow rates and install free showerheads if needed and requested.
- Measure faucet flow rates and provide faucet aerators for kitchens and bathrooms.
- Evaluate the efficiency of your irrigation system.
- Provide you with a personalized irrigation schedule if appropriate.
- Identify irrigation leaks, broken or mismatched sprinkler heads, high water pressure and other common problems.
- Provide water conservation program materials and water-wise landscaping tips.



Why participate?

In addition to lowering your water bill, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you're using a precious resource more efficiently. And less water down the drain means less treated wastewater flowing into the bay, where it can harm the salt marshes—home to endangered species.

How do I sign up?

Just call 1 (800) 548-1882 to set up an appointment. Please have your water company account number available.

Water-Wise House Calls are available weekdays, evenings during daylight hours, and Saturdays to suit your schedule.

San Jose Water Company customers should call (408) 279-7900 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, or to schedule your FREE Water-Wise House Call, call 1 (800) 548-1882.

