



Water Saving Ideas For Outdoor Water Use

Now that the weather is starting to cool down, decrease the number of days and time you irrigate.

Saving water starts with you!

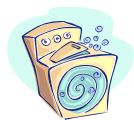
Simple adjustments to your irrigation that can save you **money** too!



- ✓ Check sprinkler heads, valves and drip emitters once a month. Make sure heads are aimed correctly (no matter how much you water it, concrete will not grow).
- ✓ Adjust watering schedule for each season. In fall, unless it's very hot, you can reduce your watering time by half. By December, you can turn off your irrigation system completely.
- ✓ Water in the early morning. Most irrigation experts recommend the best time to water is between midnight and 6 a.m. because evaporation is kept to a minimum.
- ✓ Apply a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce moisture loss and keep weeds down.
- ✓ Use a broom to sweep off pavement. Using the hose to wash down sidewalks, driveways, and patios wastes a lot of water and money.
- ✓ Use a spray nozzle with a shutoff handle on your hose, so water doesn't flow continuously.

For additional water saving tips visit our website at:

<http://facilities.stanford.edu/conservation/wsi.htm>



Important! Rebates for both high-efficiency toilets and clothes washing machines are still available, but hurry funding is running out!



So take advantage of these rebates and replace all inefficient toilets and clothes washing machines before the rebates are gone.

For more information on these rebates visit:

http://lbre.stanford.edu/sem/water_conservation



Remember, leaks can account for a lot of water waste inside an average single-family home, so be sure to repair them right away!

For help with water efficiency call

Santa Clara Valley Water District at **(800) 548-1882** to schedule a **free** Water-Wise house call.