

## CONSERVATION CORNER

### Water Use Calculator

Have you ever wondered how much water you are using by washing dishes in the dishwasher? How much water your yard requires? How your conservation strategies stack up to others in similar households? Or, maybe you just like to know more ways to save water at home. If you just like to know the answers to these questions and much more, please visit [www.home-water-works.org](http://www.home-water-works.org). On this site you will find a water use calculator that asks a few questions relating to the type of landscaping you have, equipment in your home and daily habits to calculate an estimate of water usage and carbon footprint relating to water usage in the home. As we are in the midst of another warm So Cal summer, please take a few minutes to reacquaint yourself with your household water usage and remind yourself on some ways to conserve water.

### Indoor Conservation Tips

- Fix leaks, including leaky toilets
- Install high-efficiency toilets, aerators on bathroom faucets, and water-efficient shower heads
- Take shorter (5 minute) showers
- Track your water bill and meter to curtail water use
- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving
- Use dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only

### Outdoor Conservation Tips

- Plant drought-tolerant/resistant plants and trees
- Recycle indoor water to use on plants
- Refrain from watering your home landscape when it rains
- Replace your grass/turf with water-wise plants (check to see if [rebates](#) are available)
- Use a broom to clean driveways, patios, and sidewalks instead of water from a hose
- Water your outdoor landscape earlier in the day when temperatures are cooler

