



Conservation Corner

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California is in a severe drought heading into the summer months. The water level in Lake Mead, the largest US reservoir, and fed by the Colorado River, fell below the elevation of 1,075 feet. It has hit that mark only a handful of times since the Hoover Dam was finished in the 1930s, but it always recovered shortly after. It may not this time, at least not any time soon. The US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) forecasts the lake's levels to continue to decline, without any sign of recovery through at least the end of 2022. Lake Mead is currently 16 feet below where it was this time last year and the reservoir is only 37% full, while Lake Powell is down 35 feet from last year and sits at just 34% of the lake's total capacity.

Let's do our part and conserve California's most valuable resource... our WATER! Here are some small water savings tips to reduce water inside your home;



Fill Bathtub Halfway or Less

Filling up your bathtub halfway or less can save 12 gallons of water per bath.



Fix Leaks

Fixing leaks can save 110 gallons of water each month.



Install Aerators

Installing aerators can save 1.2 gallons per person per day.



Install High-Efficiency Toilets

Installing high-efficiency toilets can save 19 gallons per person each day.



Recycle Indoor Water and Irrigate Your Garden

Recycling indoor water to use outdoors can cut water use by 30%.



Take 5-minute Showers

Keeping showers under 5 minutes can save 12.5 gallons per shower when using a water-efficient showerhead.



Turn Off Water When Brushing Teeth Or Shaving

Saves 10 gallons per person per day.



Wash Full Loads of Clothes and Dishes

Washer: saves 15-45 gallons per load. Dishwasher: saves 5-15 gallons per load.

Metropolitan Water District has brought back their Turf Removal Rebate Program! Click [here](#) for more information! For more rebates and water savings tips please visit www.bewaterwise.com and www.socalwatersmart.com.

