

water wisdom for a long hoot summer



1 Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300 to 800 gallons a month.

2 Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. So set your sprinklers for more days in between watering. Saves 750 to 1,500 gallons a month. Better yet, especially in times of drought, water with a hose.



3 Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse at the end. Saves 150 gallons each time. For a two-car family that's up to 1,200 gallons a month.

Our health, safety and quality of life require a clean and dependable supply of water. Together we have accomplished much to improve the quality and reliability of our water supply here in the San Gabriel Valley over the years. We have stopped polluters, cleaned up billions of gallons of contaminated drinking water, protected our natural watershed and implemented aggressive water conservation programs. We can all take credit for the fact that in spite of increasing water demands, the short-term water supply outlook is very encouraging. But prudence is necessary.

We are currently in one of the driest periods in our history. Long-range weather forecasts are not promising much significant precipitation any time soon. There remains much work to be done. We must continue to develop new sources of supply, preserve and protect our local water resources, recycle our water whenever possible and use our available supplies in the most efficient way we can.

Droughts are cyclical and part of the natural order of things in the southwestern United States. While we can't prevent droughts, we can greatly reduce the impact droughts have on our community. Water conservation is a way we all can help.

6 Shorten your showers. Even a one or two-minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons a month.

4 Install water-saving shower heads or flow restrictors. Saves 500 to 800 gallons a month.

5 Fix leaky faucets and plumbing joints. Saves 20 gallons a day for every leak stopped.



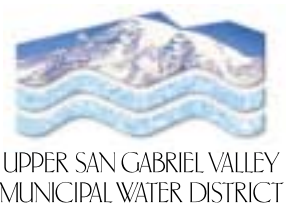
7 Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons or more each time. At once a week, that's more than 600 gallons a month.



8 Don't use your toilet as an ash-tray or wastebasket. Saves 400 to 600 gallons a month.

9 Capture tap water. While you wait for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the flow in a watering can to use later on house plants or your garden. Saves 200 to 300 gallons a month.

10 Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinkler so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs—and only there. Saves 500 gallons a month.



Please feel free to contact District staff or your elected representative if you have any questions or comments.
(626) 443-2297
Visit the Upper District Homepage
www.usgvmwd.org

Division 1: **Dr. Anthony R. Fellow**
South El Monte, portions of El Monte, Temple City, Arcadia, Monrovia and Rosemead

Division 2: **Frank F. Forbes**
South Pasadena, San Gabriel, Rosemead, portions of Arcadia, and Monrovia

Division 3: **Kenneth R. Manning**
Hacienda Heights, Industry, Bassett, La Puente, Valinda and West Covina

Division 4: **R. William "Bill" Robinson**
West Covina, Covina, South Azusa, portions of Irwindale and Glendora

Division 5: **Alfonso "Al" Contreras**
Duarte, Bradbury, Baldwin Park, portions of Irwindale, El Monte, Monrovia and Azusa