



Water Conservation: FAQs



Question: Is California still in a drought despite the wet winter?

Answer: Yes, the Governor declares when California is no longer in a drought. Although snow pack levels are high, it is difficult to say if the drought will be declared over.

Question: What is the one thing I can do in my home that will have the largest impact on my water use?

Answer: Single family homes can improve landscape water use. The simplest thing to do is verify that sprinklers work appropriately and that automatic watering systems are timed appropriately. Important landscaping tips are:

- *Always spray lawn*
- *Use drip irrigation on non-lawn areas*
- *Install a smart controller (models of various complexities are available)*
- *Install native and low water use plants*

Question: How can my household get more information on planting native or drought tolerant landscaping?

Answer: Information is available online at

Water-Wise Gardening in the Bay Area (interactive program):

www.bawsca.watersavingplants.com/bawsca.php

California Native Plant Society:

www.cnps.org



Question: What rebate programs are available to residential customers?

Answer: The Menlo Park Municipal Water District offers washing machine rebates of up to \$175 and high efficiency toilet rebates of up to \$150 for qualifying appliances and properties.

Question: Where can I obtain more information about rebate programs?

Answer: Information about incentive programs is available at www.menlopark.org or by calling the Menlo Park Environmental Program at 650-330-6740.

Question: How much water can be saved by being more water efficiently?

Answer: A household can save between 10-35% of their water by being more water efficient (installing a landscape irrigation controller, replacing inefficient appliances and making landscaping improvements).