

TOP 10

Water-Wise Tips

1.

Install a low flow showerhead and take 5-minute or less showers. *Exchange your showerhead for a free 1.5 gallons per minute (GPM) massage showerhead at the Public Works counter at City Hall. Ask for a free shower timer while you're there!*



2.

Catch water in a watering can or bucket while waiting for water to get hot. Insulate hot water pipes so less water needs to run for hot water to reach the faucet. Keep a container of water in the fridge instead of letting



3.

Replace your old toilet with a high efficiency toilet (HET) that uses 1.28 Gallons Per Flush (GPF) (Standard) or 1.06 GPF (Premium) or less per flush. *Up to \$75 toilet rebates are available for the standard EPA WaterSense labeled HET Toilets and up to \$125 for the Premium HET Toilets.*



4.

Fix all leaky toilets, faucets and pipes. *Free "Practical Plumbing" Handbooks and toilet leak detection dye tablets are available. Pick-up free low flow aerators for your bathroom and kitchen faucets.*



5.

Scrape plates and run the garbage disposer less frequently. Compost food scraps instead.



6.

Turn off water while brushing your teeth and shaving. Put a plug in the sink when shaving rather than rinsing the razor under running water.



7.

Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines. *Up to \$150 for qualifying high efficiency clothes washers. Refer to website or call 650-259-2348.*



8.

Reduce your lawn and plant native water-wise plants. Use mulch and do not over water landscaping. Check and adjust timers and sprinkler heads every few weeks. *Request free brochures on lawn watering, and native and water-wise landscaping. Go to www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/waterconservation to see the Water-Wise Gardening in the Bay Area software program. Attend the free Water Wise Landscaping workshops. Look on-line or call for the workshop schedule.*



9.

Use a hose with a shut off nozzle and a bucket of water to wash a car. Don't wash the car at home in your driveway where chemicals run off into the storm drain and pollute the Bay. Instead, take it to a commercial car wash or clean it on your lawn, gravel driveway, or other area that doesn't drain to the storm drain.



10.

Sweep (never hose) driveways, patios or sidewalks.



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