

REDUCE WATER USE AND HELP SAVE TREES

BE WATER-WISE. IT'S EASY. HERE'S HOW.

Trees and water are both precious resources. Trees make our houses feel like home – they also improve property values, clean our water & air, and even make our streets safer & quieter. When we water wisely and maintain our trees carefully, we enjoy a wide range of benefits at a low cost and with little effort.

1. GROUNDCOVERS

Avoid planting water-loving groundcovers. Mulching around your plants reduces water evaporation and makes for an attractive, water-wise groundcover.

2. POROUS PAVERS

Porous pavers or gravel paths are a great way to allow water to percolate back into the ground and prevent runoff.

3. COLLECT RAINWATER

Rainwater collection is a great way to help prevent runoff and to provide useful water for your yard.

4. DRY CREEK BEDS

Dry creek beds are attractive features that do not use any water.



5. DUSK AND DAWN

Water early in the morning or after the sun has set, as this is when plants and trees replace the water they've lost during the day. Also less water is lost to evaporation at these times.

6. GEOGRAPHIC AND SITE APPROPRIATE TREES

Plant regionally appropriate trees. When possible, locate the tree to provide shade and save energy. Stay 15' away from structures and overhead or underground utility lines. Avoid high-allergen trees.

7. CONSERVE AND RECYCLE WATER IN THE HOME

Place buckets in the shower to collect warm up water. Recycle water from the dehumidifier, collect air conditioning condensation, & "save a flush" to conserve.

8. MODIFY THE IRRIGATION TO PROVIDE:

- A) in-line drip tubing in parallel rows for the turf and plants and;
- B) in-line drip tubing rings for trees.

