What can you do to use less water?

Most of the water used in the Coachella Valley is used outdoors. Make sure that you’re doing what you can in the yard to stop water waste.

**Outdoor tips**
- Find and fix irrigation & pool leaks quickly
- Water your lawn in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler and there is less wind
- Check sprinkler heads to make sure they are spraying properly
- Set your lawn mower to a higher setting; longer grass keeps the soil moist
- Weed your lawn and garden regularly
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway & sidewalks
- Turn off your sprinklers when it rains
- Use drip irrigation on trees & shrubs
- Use desert-friendly plants

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**Indoor tips**
- Run the dishwasher and washing machine only when full
- Install aerators on household faucets
- Find and fix household leaks quickly. Leaks can account for more than 200 gallons of water wasted per day
- Don’t throw unused water down the drain. Use it for plants and trees
- Thaw food in the refrigerator rather than under running water
- Fill the bathtub half full while bathing
- Shorten your shower and install an aerator

Change your irrigation controller with the seasons. Grass and plants don’t require as much water during the cooler months. Or, make things easier on yourself by installing a smart irrigation controller that automatically adjusts with the weather.

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