

# BE WATER WISE

It's no secret that California has had successive dry winters and is now in a drought. You can help reduce water use with a few new habits.

## Save Water in Your Home

- Take five-minute showers or fill your bathtub halfway or less
- Turn off the water when shaving and brushing your teeth
- Fix leaks around your house
- Install high-efficiency toilets
- Wash full loads of clothes and dishes
- Catch indoor water from showers and sinks to irrigate your garden

## Save Water in Your Yard

- Use a broom instead of water to clean outdoor areas
- Install drip irrigation and add a smart controller
- Adjust sprinkler heads and fix leaks
- Use mulch around plants to retain moisture
- Reimagine your yard with drought-resistant plants
- Set mower blades to 3" to encourage deeper roots

## Save Your Trees

- Prioritize watering your trees
- Use four to six inches of mulch to retain moisture
- Water with slow soaks to avoid run-off
- Limit pruning and fertilizing during dry seasons

## We Can Help

The city's beautification program offers assistance with **front yard**, drought tolerant landscapes. Contact [CommunityEngagement@CityofRanchoCordova.org](mailto:CommunityEngagement@CityofRanchoCordova.org) to see if you qualify.

Residents and businesses may receive up to ten **free trees**, tree care advice and free front yard stump removal. Visit [CityofRanchoCordova.org/FreeTrees](http://CityofRanchoCordova.org/FreeTrees).

**Soil Born Farms** in Rancho Cordova offers a class that teaches you how to install your own drip irrigation.

Scan this QR code with your SmartPhone's camera to access valuable links, tips and additional information.



**During a drought, is it wise to plant trees?** Drought conditions are likely to persist, but trees offer shade, cleaner air and beauty. Fall, winter and spring are the best times to plant new trees due to milder temperatures.