

**Indian Wells Valley  
Cooperative Groundwater Management Group**

**Water Conservation – Public Advisory**

**Indoor Water Conservation Tips**

- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located in case of a water line break.
- Check for leaks. Leaks typically account for 15% of all water use.
- Don't let water run while doing dishes. Fill one sink with wash water and one sink with rinse water. This could save 1,000 gallons a month.
- Designate one glass for drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of times the dishwasher is used.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost the waste and save water.
- Select the proper size of cooking pans.
- Make sure there are aerators on all your faucets.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks.
- Throw unused ice cubes on potted plants instead of in the sink.
- If your shower can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace it with a water efficient showerhead.
- Keep showers less than 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1,000 gallons per month.
- Install low volume toilets. If your toilet was installed prior to 1980, place a toilet dam or water bottle in tank to cut down the amount of water flushed.
- Check for toilet leaks (food coloring in tank to see if it leaks into the bowl).
- Use the trash for tissue paper when possible. Save water with less toilet flushing.
- Turn off water while shaving, brushing teeth, and lathering face/hands.
- Match water level to clothes washing load.
- Choose new water-saving appliances. Some washing machines save up to 20 gallons per load.