# Coping With California's Drought

**The Torrance Water Conservation Ordinance -**
On May 5, 2015, The Torrance City Council approved activation of Level 2 water requirements due to the severity of the drought and to meet the new state regulations. **The Conservation Ordinance applies to the entire City regardless of retail water supplier.**

**Level 2 – Water Use Requirements And Regulations**
- Calls for **up to 30%** water use reduction
- No outside watering **from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- Outdoor watering limited to 2 days/week; **10 minutes** per area or irrigation station
- Fix all leaks within **4 days**
- **No watering 48 hours** after rain event
- Certain restrictions on filling or refilling pools, spas and ponds
- Provides for administrative rules to implement the ordinance

**Permanent Requirements In Effect At All Times**
- No excessive runoff from outdoor watering
- No washing of exterior surfaces
- No washing of vehicles with "open hose"
- All water features must have re-circulating system
- Restaurants to use water-conserving spray valves
- Restaurants to serve water only on request
- Lodging businesses must provide option *not* to launder linens daily

## Conservation Is The Key – What We Conserve Today We Preserve For Tomorrow!

The Governor has called for a **20%** reduction in water use.

### What does a 20% Reduction in water use look like?

*Indoor Tips*

Shorten your shower by 5 minutes — *saves* **12** Gallons per day!

Wash only full loads of laundry — *saves* **15-40** Gallons per day! *Based on 7 loads per week average.

Fix leaky toilets and faucets — *saves* **20** Gallons per day!

Install high efficiency toilets — *saves* **19** Gallons per day!

*Outdoor Tips*

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean the driveway — *saves* **21** Gallons per day! *Based on 1 time per week.

Adjust your sprinkler system for leaks and overspray — *saves* **50+** Gallons per day!

Replace a portion of your lawn with California-Friendly plants — *saves* **120** Gallons per day for every 1000 square feet of turf removed!

Install a smart sprinkler timer — *saves* **40** Gallons per day!
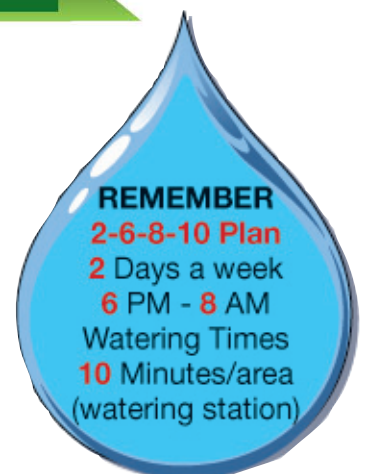
For more helpful tips on ways to reduce water use, visit: www.bewaterwise.com

**Rebates For Turf Replacement**
Your lawn accounts for 40-50% of your water use. Torrance participates in a regional rebate program to replace turf grass with a sustainable, attractive and low-water landscape. For program guidelines and application, visit **BeWaterWise.com (Must receive approval prior to starting work.)**

**Conservation Saving Rebate Programs and Landscape Classes**
Take advantage of the many conservation rebate programs and water-efficient landscape classes offered by the City of Torrance and our partnering agencies.

**REMEMBER**
**2-6-8-10 Plan**
**2** Days a week
**6** PM - **8** AM Watering Times
**10** Minutes/area (watering station)

**For more information visit: TorranceCA.Gov/Water • BeWaterWise.Com**
**SoCalWaterSmart.Com (Rebates) • Spotlight at TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks • CaliforniaDrought.Org**