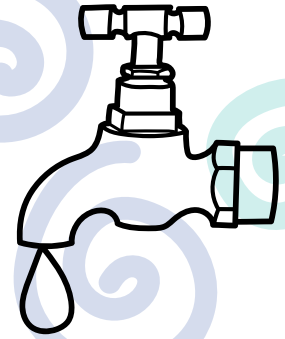


## OUR WATER SUPPLY

Recent decades have seen extreme fluctuations in weather, moving from prolonged periods of severe drought to periods of heavy precipitation, stressing both our water table and infrastructure.

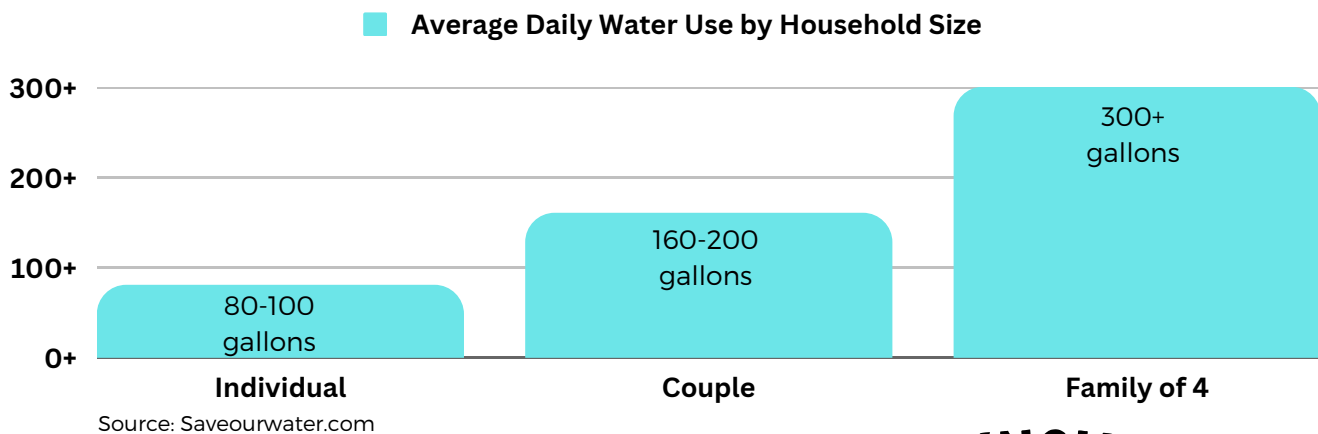
The City of Rancho Cucamonga's Climate Action Plan prioritizes water efficiency and management by identifying measures to conserve water and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the energy used to supply, treat, and deliver water.

As the climate continues to change, we will need to reshape our relationship with water.



## HOW MUCH WATER AM I USING?

It's helpful to understand how much water you're using and where you use the most water when trying to conserve. There are several ways that you can determine your water use, such as checking your water bill and meter or utilizing an online water calculator like the [U.S. Geological Survey's \(USGS\) interactive calculator](#).

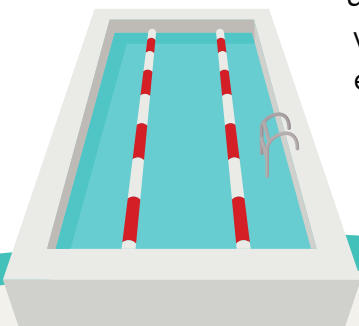


The average Family of 4 uses 109,500+ gallons of water a year! That's the equivalent of filling an Olympic-sized swimming pool with over 1-foot of water

### DID YOU KNOW?

On average about **60%** of the water we use annually is for outdoor watering. Luckily, there are many ways to save water without sacrificing landscaping.

Source: Bewaterwise.com



## WHAT CAN I DO TO SAVE WATER?

### Indoor Tips



#### Low-Cost, High-Impact Upgrades to Your Faucets.

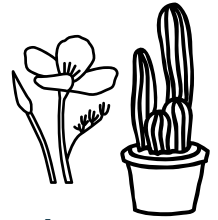
Aerators are a low-cost and easy DIY install that reduces water use and saves you money. Flow-restricting aerators are small, mesh attachments screwed onto the faucet's tip that saves water by limiting water flow

#### Take Shorter Showers.

Showers waste 5 to 10 gallons per minute. If you typically take a 15-minute shower, that translates to 75 to 150 gallons each time! Apply the 5-minute shower rule and avoid unnecessary waste.

Source: [Saveourwater.com](http://Saveourwater.com)

### Outdoor Tips



#### Use Drought-Tolerant/Resistant Plants.

California Friendly® and native plants can naturally withstand the dry periods. Native plants can go longer without rain or watering before they show signs of heat distress. Natives typically require 85 percent less water per year than a traditional lawn.

#### Install Drip Irrigation.




A drip irrigation system can significantly reduce water. Drip irrigation involves connecting tubing to a water source and running it along your vegetation path. Allowing you to individually water your plants reducing water waste and overspray caused by watering with a sprinkler system.

#1 TIP

A quick way to conserve water is by **fixing leaks**. Inspect every location your home that has a connection to water at least twice a year. A leak left unattended can snowball into a big waste for the environment and your wallet.

## INCENTIVES & RESOURCES

Here are a few resources to help you get started with water conservation!

-  [BeWaterWise.com](http://BeWaterWise.com) offers residential rebates and water-saving tips.
-  [Cucamonga Valley Water District](http://Cucamonga Valley Water District) offers rebates and education programs for residents.
-  [SaveOurWater.com](http://SaveOurWater.com) offers water-saving tips and resources for rebates and cost-savings