



## 2016 Theme

### *Fight the Drought: Make every drop count*

#### Expanded Description

##### **California is experiencing unprecedented drought conditions.**

- Some experts say we are living through the worst drought in the state's recorded history.
- Gov. Jerry Brown has issued an Executive Order mandating all Californians to reduce water use.
- Everyone needs to do their part to fight the drought and make every drop of water count.
- Conservation is the least expensive and most reliable water source.

##### **Most water use occurs outdoors.**

- Studies show that most Californians think they use more water indoors than outdoors. But, actually, the opposite is true.
- More than 50 percent of the water we use daily goes on lawns and outdoor landscaping, and about 30 percent of that is lost due to overwatering and evaporation from wind and sun.
- There are lots of ways to save water at home, but reducing water use outdoors can make the biggest difference of all.

#### **Here are our top tips for using less water:**

##### **Outdoors:**

- Replace lawn with low-water using plants and drip irrigation
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and runoff
- Water early in the morning or later at night to reduce evaporation
- Check your sprinkler timer monthly and adjust according to the weather
- Use a shut-off nozzle on your garden hose
- Use a broom rather than a hose to clean your sidewalk and driveway

##### **Indoors:**

- Limit showers to five minutes or less.
- Turn off the water when rinsing dishes, soaping hands, brushing teeth or shaving.
- Check plumbing and appliances for leaks and fix them within 48 hours.
- Install a high-efficiency WaterSense-labeled toilet (1.28 gallons per flush).
- Install a high-efficiency clothes washing machine

Learn more water-saving tips at [solanosaveswater.org](http://solanosaveswater.org)

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