

Southern California's record setting drought this year has many Solterra residents asking how they can help conserve. Since living at Solterra means that you already are a part of green building and planning with water and energy efficient appliances, think about taking these extra steps to maximize your conservation!

- **Take five minute showers instead of 10 minute showers. Save: 12.5 gallons with a low flow showerhead, 25 gallons with a standard 5.0 gallon per minute showerhead.**
 - **Fill the bathtub halfway or less. Save: 12 Gallons**
 - **When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water. Adjust the temperature as the tub fills.**
- **Turn water off when brushing teeth or shaving. Save: Approximately 10 Gallons/Day**
 - **Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.**
- **Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, there's a leak. Contact our leasing office and we'd be happy to fix it!**
- **Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor and save up to 300 gallons a month.**
- **Turn off the water while washing your hair and save up to 150 gallons a month.**
 - **When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.**
- **Take a (short) shower instead of a bath. A bathtub can use up to 70 gallons of water.**
 - **Use the washing machine for full loads only to save water and energy**
- **When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.**



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