

WATER

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Conservation in Emergency Situations

When a water supply emergency situation arises, it is important to take extra measures to conserve water. Be mindful of your water use at all times but it may be particularly important after a disaster has occurred. Your personal water conservation efforts may help your water supply maintain ample amounts of water for emergency services. Your home or business may have sufficient water pressure where your neighbors may not. Your efforts to conserve water may have a positive health and safety impact on others in your city.

- **NO OUTDOOR WATERING**
- Don't use the toilet for disposing of cigarette butts or other trash. Use the garbage can. Every flush uses five to seven gallons of water.
- Limit the length of showers to two or three minutes. Consider turning the shower off while you soap up and turn it on again only to rinse.
- Rinse your razor in a few inches of water in the sink, rather than under running water.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. Use only enough water to wet the brush and rinse your mouth.
- If you wash dishes by hand, don't leave the water running continuously for rinsing. Fill one side of the sink with clean water for rinsing, or put the washed dishes in a rack and rinse them all at once with a spray attachment or a pan of hot water.