

What to do for a

# DROUGHT

## BEFORE

These points are some strategies to consider in conserving water:

- Repair dripping faucets and leaky pipes
- Avoid pouring water down the drain; instead water your house plants
- Replace your showerhead with a low-flow version
- Avoid purchasing water toys that require a constant flow of water
- Consider a drip system for your garden or flowerbed
- Position sprinklers to avoid paved areas
- Plant drought-resistant lawn seeds
- Raise your lawn mower blades so the lawn doesn't dry out as quickly
- Install an instant hot water heater on your sink

## DURING

- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues and similar waste in the trash
- Avoid taking baths
- Only run the water when necessary when brushing your teeth or shaving
- Place a bucket in the shower to catch extra water to use for watering the plants
- Run dishwashers only when they are fully loaded using the "light wash" setting
- Hand wash dishes by filling two containers - one with soapy hot water and the other with water to rinse
- Avoid running clothes washers with small loads
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water
- If you're washing your own car, use a hose nozzle that shuts off quickly
- Avoid watering your lawn in the middle of the day
- Use timers to water your lawn during the evening
- Check the soil moisture of your plants and lawn to ensure that you are not over-watering

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