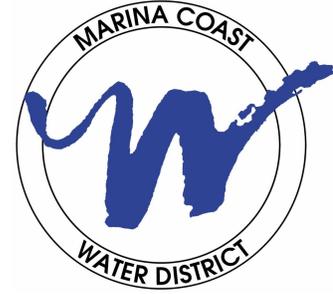# Saving Water While Staying Safe at Home

Sheltering-in-place at home with our families can lead to increased water use. For many households, there are more people at home for longer periods of time. The frequency of our water use activities goes up, and this leads to increased water use and higher water bills.

What can increase water use while staying home?

- More people at home

- Cooking and drinking water

- Washing hands frequently

- Cleaning more dishes, floors and counter tops

- Taking more showers

- Increased toilet use

- Increased laundry

- Washing pets

- Gardening activities

- Longer days, dryer weather, and increased irrigation demand

Ways to Save Water at Home

- Turn off faucets when washing hands or face, brushing teeth, and shaving.

- Take shorter showers instead of baths.

- Install low-flow shower heads and aerators.

- Check to make sure the toilets are not leaking. Add food coloring to the tank, wait 10 minutes, and check the bowl to see if there is any color. If there is color in the bowl, it is leaking.

- Consider replacing an older toilet with a high-efficiency toilet or ultra high-efficiency toilet. View our toilet rebates here.

- Don't let water run needlessly when washing or rinsing dishes.

- Only use the dishwasher when it is full.

- Run full loads of laundry.

- Consider installing a high-efficiency clothes washer. View our clothes washer rebates here.

- Follow the Water-Wise Landscaping Principles.

Visit the homewaterworks website to learn more about conserving water at home. Simply click the button below!

Water Conservation Tips