

# Drought Challenge Checklist

## How do you save energy and water?



To play: Starting now, check off everything you already are doing/have done. Then Challenge yourself to see if you can check off 4 more items before the end of this month!

### Indoors

- Take short showers : 5 minutes or less
- Don't flush everytime (mellow yellow)
- Catch water from shower in a bucket for the garden/yard
- Turn off the tap while lathering hands/washing your hands
- Only wash clothes in cold water
- Only wash clothes when washing machine has a full load
- Have no leaky faucets in the house
- Have installed a low-flow shower head on all showers
- Only defrost food in the refrigerator instead of under a running tap
- Keep a pitcher of water in the fridge so you don't run the tap to wait for cool water
- Have installed an aerator on all faucets in kitchen and bathrooms.
- Turn off the tap while scrubbing the dishes/use a tub to wash dishes
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of under running water
- Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse a razor
- Take "military" showers- Turn off the shower while shampooing/lathering/shaving
- Have tested your toilet for a leak in the last year
- Turn the tap on only half way to save water
- Have cleaned the filters around the air conditioner in the last 6 months.

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### Outdoors

- Water the yard only early in the morning or later in the evening (to avoid evaporation)
- Installed a water-efficient irrigation system instead of an overhead sprinkler
- Don't wash the car, or only wash the car with a bucket/sponge and a hose with a self-closing nozzle
- Only use a broom to clean asphalt, driveways, steps, and sidewalk. (not a hose)
- Have put a layer of mulch around trees and plants in garden to help retain water
- Have checked the water meter for a leak
- Ripped out the lawn/ only have drought-tolerant natives
- Fix leaky spigots/have no leaking spigots
- Installed a rain barrel
- Have a grey water system

Other (List your own creative water-saving habits/techniques!)

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Send back with one or more checked items to [beckyh@becnet.org](mailto:beckyh@becnet.org) to win a free shower-timer and to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket of energy and water saving gadgets. Drawing will be held August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (Note: not all items have to be checked to submit.)

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