

# How to Garden in a Drought



California is in a drought and that means that we need to be careful with every drop of water that we use, particularly outdoors. Here's a guide to how to help your landscape survive the drought.



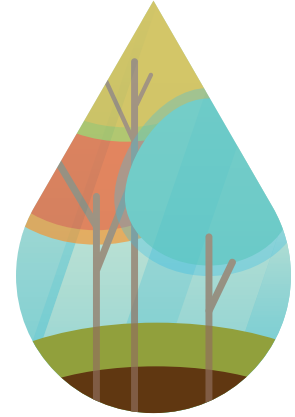
## Get Efficient

Install smart controlled drip systems. Water less frequently but longer and close to plant roots. Redirect downspouts to capture rainwater.



## Reimagine Your Yard

Feed your vegetables & fruits water first because they feed you! Water-wise plants and shade trees use little or no water once established. Thirsty plants such as lawn, container plants are the lowest priority. If you have to cut back, start here.



## Use Mulch

When you use mulch you can grow healthy plants with less water. Mulch moderates temperature, enriches soil and discourages weeds.



## What Should I Plant?

Check with your local water agency and if you can water at least two times a week, you can plant water-wise plants and shade trees. This is not the time to install new lawn or thirsty, non-California friendly plants.



## Recycle Water!

Recycle water you are using indoors by capturing what otherwise might go down the drain and use it on plants. Use a bucket in the shower, cooled cooking water, or old glasses of water.

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