

Outdoor watering uses  
9.25 gallons of water  
each minute.

## website resources

- calrecycle.ca.gov ("Consumers" tab)
- bewaterwise.com (tips and watering calculator)
- cvwdwater.com/187/Water-Conservation - Tips
- epa.gov ("Learn the Issues" tab "At Home")
- rsabg.org (Botanic Gardens)
- gardeners.com ("Gardening" tab)
- iegardenfriendly.com
- h2ouse.org
- saveourh2o.org
- malooffoundation.org
- CityofRC.us

**Free wood chips** - call 909-590-4100 or toll free at 877-88-TREES (visit [www.Calarbor.com](http://www.Calarbor.com))

**Report water waste** – for streets and on private or commercial property call the Cucamonga Valley Water District at (909) 944-6000. For public property, call Public Works (below).

*(This listing does not imply endorsement)*

*What does one broken sprinkler waste?  
10 gallons per minute or 100 gallons in a  
typical 10 minute watering cycle.*

## helpful contacts

- Planning Department..... 909-477-2750
- Code Enforcement ..... 909-477-2712
- Public Works ..... 909-477-2730
- Community Services ..... 909-477-2760
- Engineering Services ..... 909-477-2740



"We never know the worth of water till the well is dry." Thomas Fuller



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City of Rancho Cucamonga

# earth



# conserve

I didn't know that!



### The City of Rancho Cucamonga

strives to maintain a high standard of landscape within developments which conserve water and reduces wildfire hazards.

### In 2008, the Rancho Cucamonga

#### **City Council established the Healthy RC Program.**

The program was created to encourage a healthy and sustainable lifestyle, one that embraces a Healthy Mind, Body, and **Earth** for those who live, work, and play in the community. Learn how you can make a difference at [www.healthyrc.info](http://www.healthyrc.info).

#### **We value and protect our trees in Rancho**

**Cucamonga.** There are good reasons why ~ trees cool temperatures, conserve water and energy, and are considered a community resource. Prior to the removal of a tree, please contact the Planning Department for possible permit requirements.

#### **Rancho Cucamonga's landscape requirement, per the Development Code encourages a smart landscape design.**

Per this requirement, all homes must maintain a minimum ratio of 50% landscape to 50% \*hardscape ratio in all visible yard areas, including any parkways. Up to 25% of the landscape area can be used for decorative hardscape (bark, mulch, rock outcroppings, etc.).

Inspiring lawn-free yards ~ visit [sunset.com/lawnfree](http://sunset.com/lawnfree)



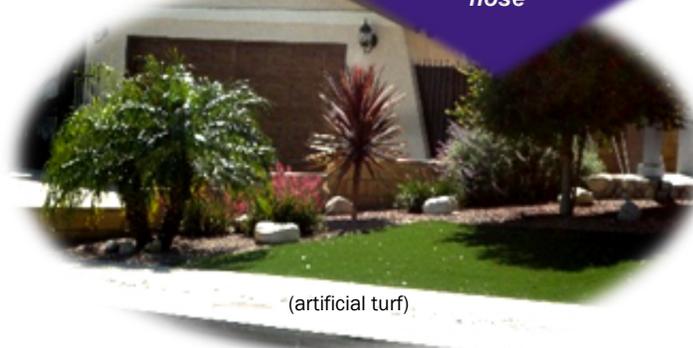
### What is considered acceptable landscape under the Rancho Cucamonga Development Code?

Remembering the "50/50" rule is a good place to start in updating your landscape under the City's Development Code and a great way to save water. Try adding the following elements in place of grass or in addition to:

Low water native California plants ~

- Evergreen shrubs
- Trees and shrubs
- Water smart groundcovers
- Succulents
- Artificial turf / Xeriscape

In one hour, 1,000 gallons can run through a garden hose



(artificial turf)

\*Hardscape may include:

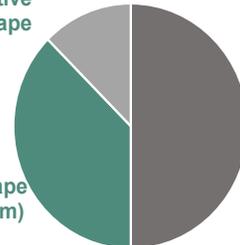
- Driveways (concrete, decorative pavers, etc.)
- Walkways
- Decorative gravel
- Pavers



Decorative Hardscape

Landscape (Minimum)

Hardscape (Maximum)



# 7 Things you can do to conserve water and save money...

**Attend a gardening workshop.** Not only is it fun, relaxing and a great family event, you might learn a thing or two. Knowledge is powerful!

**Determine the watering needs for your grass.** If you step on the grass and it bounces back, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, it does.

**Mulch has many benefits.** Place 2-or-3 inches of mulch around your drought tolerant plants to reduce water evaporation, improve the soil, and to help control weeds.



**Install water conserving devices.** Over 60% of household water consumption occurs outdoors. Install rotating nozzle sprinkler heads and a smart irrigation timer. Also, don't overlook broken or misaligned sprinklers.

**Time of day can be key.** Only water in the early morning hours to avoid water loss and turn off sprinklers on windy or rainy days ~ not doing so can waste 300 gallons in one watering!

**Know how much to water.** Reduce your weekly watering schedule by one or two days (type of landscape you install may vary that schedule).

**Signs of overwatering.** 1. Leaves turn a lighter shade of green or yellow, 2. Young shoots are wilted, 3. Growth is excessive, 4. Algae and/or mushrooms are on or around plants.

On average, 50 to 70% of household water is used for watering lawns and gardens.