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California homeowners need a workaround to cope with household water needs. Consider effective ways to improve your home and reduce your water usage:

1. Install low-flow fixtures — Slow your use of water by adding showerheads with a flow rate of no more than two and a half gallons per minute. Add aerators in all faucets to cut water use to one gallon per minute for noticeable water savings.
2. Limit shower time — Aiming for five minutes with the shower running — instead of 15 minutes for an average shower — along with a low-flow showerhead saves 25 gallons of water per shower.
3. Brush wisely — Turning the tap off when brushing your teeth or shaving conserves three gallons of water each time.
4. Save when you flush — Add a displacement device to your toilet tank or install a dual-flush or low-flow toilet to reduce water usage per flush.
5. Wait for a full load — Your washing machine and dishwasher are the most water-efficient when fully loaded.
6. Plant smarter — Replace water thirsty grass with native plants, succulents, sages and mallows. Water in the early morning hours and add mulch around plants so your landscaping retains water.
7. Sweep, don’t spray — Sweep your walkways instead of hosing them down. It saves 80 gallons a year, and you get to spend time outside.

Looking for a home that is utility-bill friendly? Give me a call!

**Seven ways to  
 reduce water   
usage at home**