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3 Check soil moisture using your finger or shovel and wait until the soil is dry 1 or 2 inches deep to water.



7 Place a 2- to 3-inch layer of mulch on bare spots. This will reduce water evaporation, improve the soil and control weeds.



4 Use the landscape calculator at bewaterwise.com for advice on how much and how often to water.



8 Replace lawn areas with California friendly groundcovers, trees and shrubs whenever possible.

1 Cut summer watering to 2 or 3 days per week on grass areas and 1 to 2 days per week for plants.



5 Water only after 8 p.m. & before 6 a.m. to reduce water loss due to evaporation and wind.



9 Check with your water agency for help with weather-based irrigation clocks and free landscape surveys.



2 In winter, irrigate only if needed, to maintain some moisture in soil.



6 Fix leaking sprinklers, valves and pipes. A broken spray sprinkler wastes 10 gallons per minute or 100 gallons in a typical 10 minute watering cycle.



10 Attend classes on water-smart landscaping. Visit the Water Conservation Garden or call your local water agency.

Go to 20gallonchallenge.com or thegarden.org for more tips.