



Singing Springs Village

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As California is facing a serious water shortage, Singing Springs Village is asking you to take a moment and review some water saving tips on the next page.



Our water bill is one of the largest bills we pay on a monthly basis. Although the water bill for our complex is covered by the Association, it does come directly from our dues. We have a significant rate hike for water coming in January.

The Board of Directors for Singing Springs is trying to do everything we can think of, to keep our HOA dues down as much as possible, and this includes trying to save water every way we can. This effects tenants also... when the expenses go up, then the dues go up, and rent for the tenant will go up as well.

It will take each one of us to make an effort to cut down on water usage, not just for the sake of our finances, but for the future of our State.

One thing we have done is cut back on watering of the grounds and will soon cut back some more on our watering. We have also been experimenting with drought tolerant plants around the complex. We are also discussing ways to save water and energy in the pool area by finding different equipment.

We are open to, and eager to hear any more ideas for water and energy saving in our complex.

Please share your ideas with us via:

- phone message: 805-684-5011
- email: singingspringsvillage@verizon.net
- Or best of all-Join our monthly board meetings which are still virtual. They are on GoToMeeting, and you can join by computer, smart phone, or call in on your phone. We welcome all discussions and help with brainstorming! If you are not receiving the invites to the board meetings, please call or email, and give us an updated email address. We will also post the invite on our website. Singingspringsvillage.com

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Water Saving Tips & Reminders

Fix a leak:

- Do not leave a flushing toilet unattended. Toilets get stuck, especially older ones.
- Look for any leaks and drips happening at your faucets, showers, etc...and fix them.
- If you see or hear any leaks in our common property area, please call the office: 805-684-5011 and leave a message.

In the bathroom—where over half of all water use inside a home takes place:

- Turn off the tap while shaving, brushing teeth, or washing your hands.
- Showers use less water than baths, if you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up. You can shower better by replacing your old showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model and save water & energy. By replacing just one showerhead EPA estimates the average family can save 2,700 gallons of water.
- Use a bucket in your shower. As you are waiting for it to get hot, collect it! Use it on plants, in sinks, and on outside plants and trees in your common areas.
- Adjust the tank flow level of your older toilet to use less water.
- Consider upgrading your old toilet to a new, WaterSense, water saving model. Carpinteria Valley Water District offers rebates up to \$100 for installing specific water saving toilets. <https://cvwd.net/water-conservation/tips/rebates/> The water district will ask for a copy of our water bill as part of the rebate process. Request a copy from our office via email or phone message.
- There are countless low flow toilets listed as eligible on the rebate sight. Some cost \$100, and will turn out to be free after rebate! It's an easy and quick process.

In the kitchen—whip up a batch of big water savings:

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Use a dishwasher—and when you do, make sure it's fully loaded! Use a low water consuming cycle.
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Thaw in the refrigerator overnight rather than using a running tap of hot water.

In the laundry room—where you can be clean AND green:

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the machine. Set your washing machine to use cold water rather than hot or warm water.
- If you are installing a washer or replacing an older washer, you can get a rebate from up to \$150 from Carpinteria Valley Water District when you use specific water saving units. <https://cvwd.net/water-conservation/tips/rebates/>