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Tips for Water Conservation

Alamogordo, NM Monday, June 11, 2018 Drought conditions are widespread across New Mexico and may worsen. Alamogordo is experiencing extreme drought conditions and encourages all citizens to help conserve our precious water resources. Here are a few ways you can do your part:

- Water wisely. Water early in the morning and use drip irrigation where possible to minimize evaporation. Also avoid wasting water on sidewalks and other paved areas. Always remember to follow local water restrictions.
- Wash only full loads of laundry. By washing full instead of partial loads you could save up to 3,400 gallons of water a year. Need a new clothes washer? Invest in an Energy Star-qualified model, which typically uses 50 percent less water and 37 percent less energy per load.
- Plant a native landscape. Plants that are native to New Mexico typically require lesser amounts of water, pesticides, fertilizers, and maintenance. Use mulch or natural compost to help your lawn and garden better absorb water.
- Fix leaks. A leaking faucet can waste up to 3,000 gallons a year and a leaking toilet can waste up to 73,000 gallons a year. To check your toilet for leaks, add a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet to the water in the tank, but do not flush the toilet. Watch to see if the coloring appears in the bowl within a few minutes. If it does, the toilet has a silent leak that needs to be repaired.
- Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures. Water-efficient plumbing fixtures can reduce water consumption by 25 percent to 60 percent. Install inexpensive faucet aerators to cut in half the amount of water used by each faucet.

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