Do’s and Don’ts

**Do’s**

- **Do** Only wash full loads of laundry and dishes to spread out wash cycles.
- **Do** Look for leaky faucets and running toilets. Repairing a dripping faucet can save up to 150 gallons of water a week. Utilize leak detector tablets to determine if your toilet has a leak.
- **Do** Comply with city burn-ban rules. These often prohibit the use of fireworks, fires, and even wood stoves and fireplaces.
- **Do** Purchase water-saving shower heads, aerators, hose nozzles, and other efficient household items. AM Conservation Group offers a full range of water conservation products.
- **Do** Store water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run for cool water.
- **Do** Remove weeds from your lawn regularly. Weeds compete with plants for nutrients and water.
- **Do** Collect water used to rinse fruit or vegetables, and use it to water plants.
- **Do** Aim to do at least one thing per day to conserve water.

**Don’ts**

- **Don’t** Hand-wash your car. Instead, Take it to a car wash, where recycled water is used.
- **Don’t** Leave the sink running while brushing your teeth or utilize a bathroom aerator to slow the flow of water when brushing your teeth.
- **Don’t** Over-water lawns and landscapes. If watering is necessary, do it during the evening to reduce evaporation from the sun. Products like moisture meters can help measure this.
- **Don’t** Take long showers. Keeping showers under 5 minutes can save up to 1,000 gallons of water per month. Encourage your household members to shorten showers and utilize a shower timer.
- **Don’t** Use the toilet as a waste basket for tissues, Band-Aids, etc.
- **Don’t** Keep water conservation tips to yourself. Encourage family, friends and coworkers to be proactive about saving water (a “water-saving tip of the week” in your employee newsletter, a who-can-save-the-most-water contest among family members, etc.)