

7 UNIQUE WAYS

To Save Water This Summer

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It's no secret that Orange County knows how to save water. Through water-saving programs, incentives, and simple lifestyle changes, Orange County saves over 17 billion gallons of water each year. With the sizzling summer

heat, the current drought conditions will only intensify. As such, it's imperative that we continue saving to maintain a reliable supply of water.

Check out these seven (7) unique tips for summer savings:



1

OC GARDENERS NIP IT IN THE BUD

Adding mulch to plant beds like crushed gravel or small stone helps retain soil moisture and prevents water run-off.

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OC SURFERS SEAS THE OPPORTUNITY

An average garden hose delivers about 12 gallons of water per minute. Use a bucket or one-gallon, multi-use sprayer to rinse off surfboards and wetsuits at home.

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OC GOLFERS STAY ON PAR

The next time you clean your clubs, fill a bucket with just the water you need to get the job done. When you're finished, pour the water over thirsty plants or landscape!

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OC VOLUNTEERS LEND A HELPING HAND

Look for opportunities to participate in water-related community service projects like installing a rain barrel or planting native gardens.

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OC COOKS TAKE THE RIGHT MEASURES

A running faucet can waste four (4) gallons of water per minute! Wash produce in a bowl and use the catchment to water your herbs when you are done.

6

OC CYCLISTS KICK IT INTO GEAR

Drinking water before and during a long bike ride helps improve your performance. Don't waste a drop by using any leftover water for your plants.

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OC FISHERPERSONS REEL IT IN

Many rivers, lakes, streams, and reservoirs are part of our water supply system. By keeping trash out of our waterways, you can help protect fragile ecosystems and reduce water and wastewater treatment costs.