

## 5 WONDERFUL WAYS!

### To Have a Water-Smart Winter

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Who doesn't love to SAVE during the holiday season? While there are many ways to save this time of year, one of the most important is saving water. As many Orange County residents prepare to host family and friends for festive celebrations, it's important to remember that water savings can still occur—even with a home full of guests.

With unpredictable weather and water supplies still a concern, adopting simple, water-smart habits helps the environment while supporting our

communities and the next generation of water users. By making simple adjustments, you can ensure your holidays are just as joyful while minimizing water waste.

This season, why not embrace the spirit of giving by being mindful of our most precious resource—water? From gifting water-smart items to taking advantage of the rare winter rains, let's explore five (5) easy yet impactful ways to save water, even with a house full of guests.

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#### THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING.

Celebrate the holidays with a gift that grows and saves! This holiday season, consider giving a California native plant or packet of seeds that thrive with less water and support local wildlife. From vibrant succulents to blooming wildflowers, these beautiful, eco-friendly gifts are perfect for indoor spaces or outdoor gardens and patios. Need some inspiration? [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of water-smart plants.

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#### JINGLE ALL THE WAY.

Before your guests arrive, do a quick check of all faucets, toilets, and outdoor spigots for leaks. Fixing leaks can mean significant water and cash savings, as the average household loses 10,000 gallons of water each year through leaks. Even small leaks can waste water over time, so address them before your celebrations. Not sure where to start? [CLICK HERE](#) for some helpful leak-fixing tips!

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#### IT'S A WATER-SMART LIFE.

Welcome guests while keeping water conservation top of mind. Encourage shorter showers, rinse fruits and veggies in a bowl, and thaw meat in advance rather than under running water. Share these simple tips so you and your guests can make a difference together!

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#### FILLED WITH JOY.

Maximize your water savings by running full loads in your dishwasher and washing machine. Washing only full loads reduces water and energy use, making it easy to conserve during the busy season. Small actions like this can make a big difference in our water supply. [Rebates available!](#)

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#### TIS' THE SEASON.

While your extra guests might use extra water inside, you can save water outside. During the winter wet season, the need to water your outdoor landscape can be dramatically reduced. Installing a smart sprinkler timer can give you peace of mind while saving you water by adjusting outdoor watering based on current weather conditions. [Rebates available!](#)

