

Five Ways to Use Less Water Outdoors During a Drought



A mega drought is impacting many people across the Southwest U.S. and areas such as Southern California have put mandatory watering restrictions in place. But no matter where you live, we can all do our part to cut back on water usage and preserve this natural resource. Here are five tips to help reduce the amount of water used in your landscape.

1. USE A DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM.



A drip irrigation system can reduce water usage by up to 70% compared to traditional sprinklers. Easy to connect to a water source, it uses components including drip tubing and emitters to deliver water directly to your plants for precise watering. This prevents water from being wasted due to wind-scattered spray, runoff, or evaporation.

Setting up your own drip system is fast and easy with Raindrip Kits! Kits such as the Container and Hanging Baskets Kit, Vegetable Garden Kit, Flowers, Shrubs & Trees Kit, and Ground Cover & Flower Beds Kit include everything you need to get started and are easy to expand or customize.

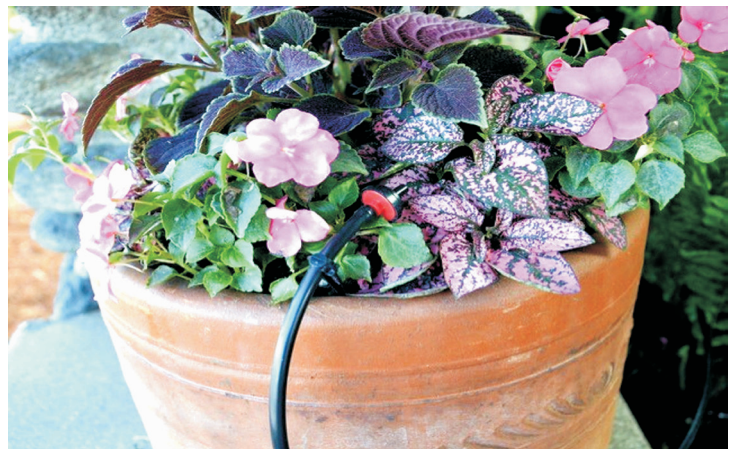
2. MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT WITH THE ROOTWISE™ 360° WATERING PAD.



This is not your ordinary watering mat. The RootWise Watering Pad delivers water to plants precisely where they need it most for optimal growth and overall health. Here's how it works:

The flexible pad contains a built-in dripline with self-cleaning emitters inside. Simply connect the RootWise pad with the included barbed connector to a new or existing drip irrigation system, wrap the pad around the base of the plant and turn on the water for 360° root zone coverage. The weather-resistant pad slows down evaporation so no water is wasted.

3. WATER EARLY IN THE MORNING OR AT NIGHT TO SLOW DOWN EVAPORATION.



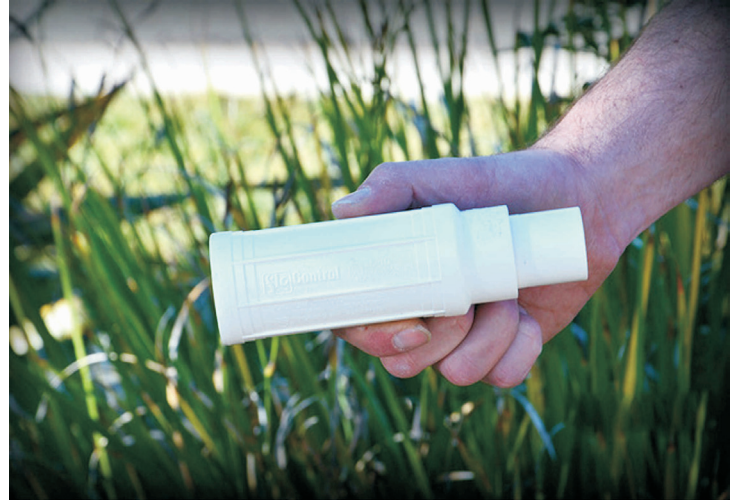
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It's not just how much you water, it's when you water that counts, too. The harsh heat during the day makes plants struggle to absorb and retain the water they need. This is why watering during mornings and evenings, when the sun is at its lowest, cuts back on evaporation and gives plants the chance to fully soak up water.

4. AUTOMATE YOUR DRIP SYSTEM WITH A WATER TIMER.



Enjoy worry-free watering with the Raindrip Digital Timer. The user-friendly interface with protective cover makes it easy to program your watering schedule. Set which days to water, start time, how long to water, and more. The timer features an LCD backlit screen that's easy to read day or night, and it beeps to confirm programming selections you make and when water starts or stops. The battery life is displayed on screen, and when batteries run out the unique water-saving feature shuts off the valve to stop the flow of water.



5. FIX BROKEN PIPE LEAKS.

Stop wasting water due to busted pipe! Fix broken PVC irrigation and plumbing pipe fast with the NDS[®] Pro-Span[®] Expansion Repair Coupling. The expandable repair coupling is engineered to effectively stop leaks, and easy for any DIYer to install.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Raindrip and NDS offer efficient drip irrigation and flow management solutions with products and resources to help make your system a success.

For more information on products, kits, resources, and support, visit raindrip.com and NDSpro.com.