



Fast Facts on the Water Conservation Legislation

In 2018, two laws were passed that built on California's ongoing efforts to make water conservation a way of life. They emphasized efficiency and stretching water supplies in cities and farms. Here are some fast facts about the 2018 Making Water Conservation A Way of Life laws:

Do the 2018 water conservation laws set limits on personal water use?

No. These laws establish mandates for water budget planning and efficiency objectives for water suppliers, not individuals, homeowners, or businesses.

Will residents be fined \$1,000 for using more than 55 gallons of water per person, per day?

No. The laws do not establish any water use fines on customers, nor do they impose fines on individuals.

Do I have to choose between showering or doing laundry on the same day?

No. You are still encouraged to shower and wash your clothes in the Golden State, and even to wash children, pets and dishes. Though there are some easy ways you can take part in making conservation a way of life when using water at home – check out some water saving tips and tricks at: saveourwater.com

Senate Bill 606 (Hertzberg) and **Assembly Bill 1668** (Friedman) serve as a roadmap for Californians to plan for dry conditions, and to work together for clean, reliable water supplies now and in the future.

In addition to water conservation targets, the bills outline certain roles and actions to be carried out by the California Department of Water Resources, the **State Water Resources Control Board** (State Water Board), and water suppliers. Future milestones include:

- Beginning in November 2023, urban water suppliers will annually calculate a water efficiency standard based on the indoor and outdoor water needs of its service area.
- The indoor water use standard is one of several metrics used to calculate the overall efficiency standard for a service area. The laws establish a standard of 55 gallons per person per day until January 2025, and then to 50 gallons per person per day in 2030. However, those targets are aggregated across the population in a service area and are not intended as enforceable standards for individuals.
- The State Water Board may initiate enforcement actions in 2025 against urban water suppliers if they fail to meet the standards. The standards are scheduled to go into effect in 2023.

More information on these laws and making water conservation a way of life can be found at:
water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency