

Say YES to Spring Water Savings

Tips from San José
Municipal Water System

SJEnvironment.org/WaterEfficiency



Outdoor irrigation accounts for 53%
of residential water use in California.



HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVE MONEY
on water bills by reducing outdoor watering:

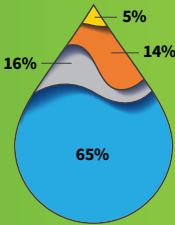


- Check your irrigation system for leaks
- Replace lawn with a rain garden or drought tolerant garden (Rebates available)
- Get a free Water Wise Outdoor Survey
- Install rain barrel(s), a graywater irrigation system, or a cistern (Rebates available)
- Sign up for WaterSmart and get FREE Home Water Reports and money saving tips at SanJose.WaterSmart.com

Get more tips on saving water and money

Where Your Dollar Goes

Most ratepayer money goes to purchasing high-quality drinking water from Valley Water and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Valley Water and the SFPUC are both raising their prices due to increased operational expenses and rising project costs.



- Wholesale Water Purchases** (Potable/Drinking water bought from Valley Water and SFPUC)
- Operation Costs** (Administration; operation and maintenance of water system and equipment; daily monitoring and testing of drinking water quality)
- System Improvements** (Regular upgrades to vital pipes, tanks and other equipment)
- Energy Costs** (Electricity, gas and solar power to run the water system)

San José Municipal Water System water costs about **a penny per gallon** for residential customers.

Muni Water
1 gal

\$0.01*



\$1.23*



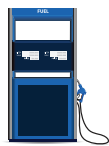
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\$4.01*



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