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Water Experts: Conserve Now Or Pay Later

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People Are Urged To Conserve Water

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif. -- As temperatures rise, so does water usage. Water experts warn if people don't start conserving now, they will pay for it later.

Florn Core, water resources manager for the city of Bakersfield, said every summer water demand triples over what it does in the winter time. Majority of that water used for outside sources.

Even though water can beautify the outside of your home, it can be costly. Southern California residents already know about that, because of the severe drought looming over the state, they have been asked to cut back on their outside water usage to two days a week.

Core said we are not at the rationing point but we are in conservation mode.

"Bakersfield is in a very good situation as far as water supply is concerned because we have several imported water programs, as well as the Kern River. On top of that, we are over a ground water basin where we can store water in the very wet years and extract it in the very dry years," said Core.

Currently, city is in one of those very dry years, the bone dry Kern River is proof of that. Levels in the area have dipped 30 percent below normal levels said Core.

"Which translates into not really less water, but more cost to pump and those costs will be passed on to the consumer," said Core.

So water levels don't dip any lower, there are many gadgets on the market to help conserve.

Experts say you can start by planting plants that only need to be water a few times a week, there are several water saving hoses on the market and even for inside the house, there is a shower head that has a pull string to turn off.

Just making little changes can save you hundreds of dollars and thousands of gallons of water every year.

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