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## **Outdoor water conservation urgently needed**

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Water conservation is urgently needed as summer temperatures soar this weekend into the triple digits. As with energy consumption, local water districts serving customers in Southwest Riverside County are urging customers to water at night.

The main source of water in Southwest Riverside County is via the Metropolitan Water District's Robert A. Skinner Filtration Plant, which is currently operating at full capacity. The plant will soon be upgraded to increase its capacity to 630 million gallons a day (mgd); current capacity is 520 mgd. Until that expansion is complete in 2007, water conservation is imperative.

Residents are highly encouraged to conserve water, particularly in the outdoors. A campaign developed by four local water agencies has been deployed this summer: "*How Much Water Is Enough?*" 15 minutes, 4 times a week, after the sun goes down. Eliminating daytime irrigation reduces evaporation and helps relieve pressure on water treatment facilities. Irrigate during the heat of the day and watch the water evaporate. Irrigate at night and lawns will get a drink of water they can really use.

For more conservation tips, consumers can visit [www.enoughh2o.com](http://www.enoughh2o.com) and plan a visit for Western Municipal Water District's water conservation education center, Landscapes Southern California Style. The garden is located at 450 E. Alessandro Blvd. in Riverside and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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