

Dear Yuba County Resident,

Yuba County and the vast majority of California are currently experiencing historic levels of drought. A drought is a period of drier-than-normal conditions resulting in water shortages.

Despite the current conditions, Yuba County is in a better position than many other parts of the state because of the availability of groundwater in our region. Thanks to decades of responsible management by Yuba Water Agency, the cities of Marysville and Wheatland, Yuba County and local farmers, irrigators and water providers, our groundwater levels are in good condition. Our region has also been preparing for drought by investing in infrastructure improvements throughout the county, including through partnerships with the state and others.

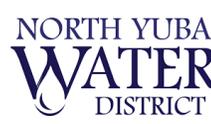
**Although groundwater will help safeguard some of our water supply this year, we are deeply concerned by the potential of another dry year – or multiple dry years – ahead.**

The current drought is already impacting local irrigators and businesses, domestic well owners and the environment. A lack of water could also threaten our ability to fight fire as we face another high-risk wildfire season. That's why we all must do our part to conserve water.

See the reverse side of this flyer and visit [saveourwater.com](http://saveourwater.com) or your local water provider online for more tips on how to save water. To report a domestic well going dry, contact the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services at [yuba.org](http://yuba.org) or by calling (530) 749-7520. For additional information on dry well reporting, statewide data and financial resources, visit the Department of Water Resources' webpage, [mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov](http://mydrywatersupply.water.ca.gov).

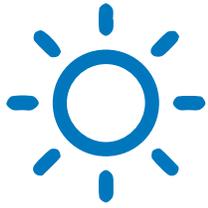
Thank you for doing your part to save water.

Sincerely,



# HELP US CONSERVE WATER DURING DROUGHT

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## OUTDOOR TIPS

- ✓ Never leave water running if evacuating. If you evacuate your home due to the threat of wildfire, do not leave sprinklers and hoses on. This can leave firefighters without ample water to actively fight fires. Instead, create defensible space around your home. This is a more effective way to protect your property. Visit [yubafiresafe.org](http://yubafiresafe.org) for resources.
  - ✓ Water only when needed. Did you know that one lawn watering is equal to flushing your toilet 159 times? Look at the grass, feel the soil or use a soil moisture meter to determine when to water. Limit outdoor watering and only water early in the morning to reduce water lost to evaporation.
  - ✓ Use a broom, not a hose, to clean outdoor areas. Using a broom to clean outdoor areas can save 8-18 gallons every minute.
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## INDOOR TIPS

- ✓ Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
- ✓ When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink or a small container with wash water and another with rinse water.
- ✓ Wash full loads of clothes and dishes. Running a full washer saves 15-45 gallons per load; a full dishwasher run saves 5-15 gallons per load.
- ✓ Keep showers to 5 minutes or less. Keeping showers under 5 minutes can save 12.5 gallons per shower when using a water-efficient showerhead.
- ✓ Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving. This saves 10 gallons per person, per day.
- ✓ Fix leaks around your home. Fixing water leaks as small as a ballpoint pen can save 110 gallons of water per month.

