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**Water conservation encouraged amid drought**

With California's drought worsening and hot and dry summer months expected ahead, the City of Cerritos encourages residents to follow these water conservation tips:

- Use sprinklers or hoses during off-peak hours, such as in the early morning or evening, to reduce evaporation and interference from wind. Check the sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers to avoid watering homes, sidewalks or streets.
- Run only full loads in clothes washers and dishwashers.
- Avoid flushing toilets unnecessarily; dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash instead.
- Don't leave the water running when washing dishes, brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Fix leaking faucets and save 20 gallons of water per day.
- Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled with water instead of running water from the tap.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than

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letting the tap run to get a cold glass of water.

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk and save 150 gallons of water each time.
- For fish owners, when you clean your fish tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free and effective fertilizer.

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