



Tips For Conserving Water This Holiday Season

- ◆ Scrape leftover food from plates into the garbage, instead of rinsing them off or washing scraps down the garbage disposal.
- ◆ If possible, only run the dishwasher when full. A full dishwasher is much more efficient than washing by hand.
- ◆ Always check for leaks, especially in bathroom fixtures, before your guests arrive.
- ◆ Collect water used to rinse off vegetables or fruits to water houseplants or a live Christmas tree.
- ◆ Thaw frozen foods such as turkeys and hams ahead of time in the refrigerator instead of a sink full of water.
- ◆ If you need to wash dishes by hand, fill one basin with soapy water and fill another with rinse water, instead of letting the water run continuously.
- ◆ Consider saving appropriate food scraps, such as leaves, rinds, and stems for making compost to fertilize your garden.
- ◆ Consider installing low flow shower heads, using a moisture meter, or using a water saving hose nozzle – all available year-round at the **Indian Wells Valley Water District**.