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# **Making Sustainable Choices** during challenging times

The global pandemic has transformed our world as we **know it quite quickly.** It can be difficult to cope with changing circumstances, and adapting to our new normal. As your water provider and water conservation experts, we'd like to offer you some tips for staying sustainable while you spend more time with your families.

Water is needed to survive, but did you know that only 1% of the world's water is drinkable? Nearly 97% of all the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Of the remaining 3%, about 2% is in glaciers or otherwise unattainable. We use the remaining 1% for drinking, cooking, transportation, heating and cooling, industry and firefighting.

Many developing countries do not have access to clean water for a variety of reasons. Now more than ever, is it important to practice gratitude and be conscious of how much we use of this precious resource. How can we protect this resource and what can we do to conserve it and to ensure it's available for our children and our grandchildren?



Build an herb garden in jars! Use leftover household jars and containers, add soil, seeds, and water!



Invent new and innovative ways to use excess water for new purposes around the house!



Build an edible aquifer! See separate sheet for instructions or check out our video on social!





### **Beat the Peak**

We understand that many businesses have had to close or reduce productivity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and many of our summer plans have changed. But the summer heat will be here soon and we'd like to offer some tips to our customers to help you "Beat the Peak"!

Most water use occurs between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. when everyone is getting ready to start their day. The water use, coupled with high heat, can put a strain on the system, which can lead to water reduction measures, so we are asking customers to improve their water use efficiency. Here are ways to improve your water use efficiency to Beat the Peak this summer!



Improve landscape water efficiency through measures such as adjusting the irrigation controller to water before 6 a.m.



Upgrade existing irrigation systems or landscaping to improve water use with tools such as weather-based controllers or drip irrigation.



Take advantage of driving less by washing your cars less. If you do choose to wash your car, always use a shut-off hose nozzle.



Check for and repair leaks inside and outside of the home.



Replace water-using equipment with higher efficiency models. Look for the WaterSense and ENERGY STAR labels

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