

Sustainable Business Program, Sacramento County

Water Conservation Measures

Below are some examples of items that would certify you under the category of Water Conservation. The business can choose to certify in one or more of the categories listed.

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Facility (5 checkmarks required):

- Complete a water use assessment of your facility.
- Use an automated shut-off sprayer nozzle on all hoses.
- Install or utilize a water efficient non-flushing or 0.5 gal. per flush urinal.
- Install water efficient aerators: Sink faucets (1.5gpm) and kitchen faucet (2.2gpm).
- Install pre-rinse valves (1.6 gal. per min at 8-psi).
- Install quick-closing toilet flappers.
- Install auto shut-off faucets in restrooms.
- Install toilet retrofit kits.
- Landscape- Install water efficient irrigation.
- Landscape- Use drought resistant native and Mediterranean plant species in lieu of turf.
- Group plants with similar water requirements on the same irrigation line.
- Install pressure reducing valves (70 psi).
- Placer County: Sign up or participate in the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) or City of Roseville Water Efficiency Programs

Practices (5 checkmarks required):

- Routinely check and repair plumbing leaks.
- Remind employees to turn off sinks when not in use (via signage or other communication).
- Adopt sweeping and mopping in lieu of hosing indoor floors.
- Routinely review water meter and bill for fluctuations (potentially detect leaks).
- Adjust boiler and cooling tower settings recommended by manufacturer specifications.
- Landscape- Irrigate plants during early morning hours (12am-5am).
- Landscape- install a smart irrigation control using weather-based information to adjust watering accordingly.
- Landscape- adjust sprinkler heads for maximum plant coverage. Adjust watering schedule seasonally. Monitor and repair leaks as necessary.
- Landscape- Change plant fertilizing schedule to “as needed.”
- Landscape- Apply ground cover at 2-inch depth of mulch around plants.
- Landscape-Route downspouts to landscape area or rain garden.
- Landscape-Adjust irrigation to recommended watering schedule by local water utility (contact BERC for guidelines as needed).
- Install a rain collection system for watering plants.
- Utilize a “zero discharge” carwash service for company vehicles.