

Drought Preparation Checklist for Communities

- 01.** Review history of drought conditions in the area
- 02.** Educate businesses, city leaders, and homeowners about drought impacts
- 03.** Create a list of resources and contacts for helpful federal, state, and local programs
- 04.** Assess current and projected future water sources (supply) and uses (demand)
- 05.** Identify areas, businesses, and groups who would be most affected by lack of water
- 06.** Create a drought communication plan to help share information with partners and the public

Water Conservation Tips for Homeowners

- 01.** Repair leaky faucets inside and outside the home
- 02.** Replace old appliances with water-saving ones
- 03.** Turn off the tap in the bathroom and kitchen during daily use
- 04.** Only run the dishwasher and laundry machines when full
- 05.** Install a toilet dam, faucet aerators, and low-flow showerheads
- 06.** Replace baths with short showers
- 07.** Maximize use of natural vegetation and smaller lawn area
- 08.** Leave lawns two to three inches high, helping shade the soil and improving moisture retention
- 09.** Only water lawn and gardens when necessary and collect rainfall for irrigation
- 10.** Apply mulch to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth, and control weeds

Foundation Protection Tips for Homeowners Experiencing a Drought

- 01.** Ensure the home and its foundation is inspected regularly
- 02.** Identify cracks in walls, floors, and around windows and doors
- 03.** Look for bowed walls or sagging floors
- 04.** Identify leaning or cracking chimneys
- 05.** Look for sticking and hard-to-open/close doors and windows
- 06.** Contact a professional foundation repair company