



WATER CONSERVATION AT THE STATE CAPITOL

California's State Capitol Park includes 40 acres of landscaping with hundreds of species of tree, shrubs, and flowers, as well as many memorials and monuments. The California Department of General Services (DGS) Real Estate Services Division is responsible for maintaining park grounds. As directed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., DGS has implemented water use reduction plans for all state facilities including Capitol Park.



How are we conserving water at the State Capitol?



- DGS has ceased all watering of turf and decorative plantings.
- Several water-saving measures are already in place at Capitol Park, including the use of drip irrigation in many of the flower beds and the Rose Garden.
- Switched to drought tolerant plants where possible with an emphasis on native Californian varieties.
- Instituted a moratorium on non-essential landscaping projects including the planting of annuals.
- Added mulch to help retain moisture by reduce evaporation.
- Installed smart irrigation technologies including a weather station that is linked to Capitol Park irrigation system. This includes sensors to read wind, rain and temperature conditions and adjust irrigation accordingly.
- Fountains and decorative water features on Capitol grounds have been turned off.
- Signs have been posted around the Capitol asking visitors and staff to conserve water.

For further information regarding water conservation efforts within state facilities, please contact DGS Public Affairs at (916) 376-5037.



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