

**7. Put a nozzle on the hose.**

- Even though the hose is turned on, this lets you control when the water runs and when it doesn't.

**8. Use a sponge when washing your bike or the family car.**

- Fill a bucket with soapy water and use a sponge to wipe down the bike or car instead of letting the hose run. Use the hose to rinse as needed.

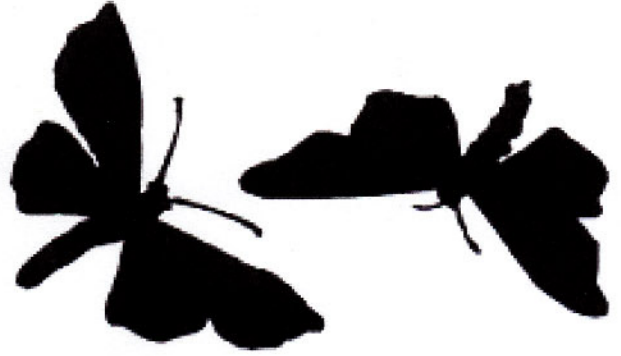


**9. Water the lawn and garden in the morning or evening.**

- Watering lawns and gardens during the day when it's hot wastes water through evaporation. Watering in the morning or evening when it's cooler, helps save water because more of it gets used for the plants or lawn.

**10. Plant native or drought tolerant plants in your garden.**

- Native plants—plants that are naturally found in your area—need less water than other plants, and provide food for native species like birds and butterflies. Drought tolerant plants are non-native plants that require less water and can survive long periods of dry weather. A garden planted with drought tolerant plants is called a “Xeriscape.”



**11. Reduce the amount of beef in your diet by eating more fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts, and legumes.**

- Over half of the water in California is used to grow grain to feed beef cattle. These cattle then become steak, hamburgers, hot dogs, taco meat and other red meat items. It takes 62 gallons of water to produce one egg and 615 gallons of water to produce one hamburger. By reducing the amount of beef you eat by half, you and your family can save thousands of gallons of water a week

