

# The Green 'Renovolution'

So, you're renovating a home. Congratulations! The fixer-upper or specific room has been chosen, the price point debated, the couples (or you!) have made their compromises, and most importantly, the studio (or spouse) has greenlit the project. Now is your chance to make a difference, so consider these water saving choices:

**1** **Lawn Replacement**—or "Turf Transformation" replaces water sapping lawns with drought tolerant plants and xeriscaping which can create a wild and magical landscape around the home that needs very little water to look great.



Illustration by Anne Gifford

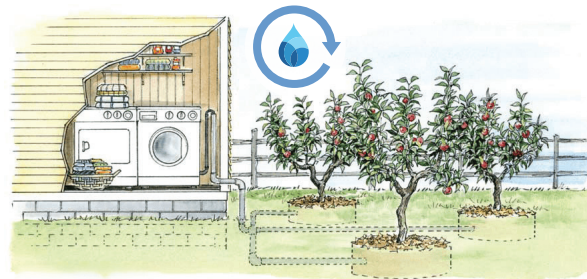


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**2** **Grey Water Systems**—Not only are they hassle-free ways to conserve water while simultaneously keeping your garden watered, they are fun to design, as easy or complicated as you want them to be, and in California alone, water recycling has the potential to increase the state's water supply by as much as 750 billion gallons a year by 2030!

For more tips go to  
[SaveOurWater.com](http://SaveOurWater.com)

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## Like Saving Pennies, Every Drip Counts!

"Oh, so you're not renovating? Congratulations! You can help keep the rivers as full as your bank account by doing a few simple things!"

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**No Leak Too Small**—A single leaky faucet releasing just three drips a minute wastes more than 100 gallons of water a year!

- Fix faucets
- Replace leaky hoses
- Install smart toilets
- Update shower heads with fancy water-saving versions

**Showering with a bucket** is an easy way to collect excess water that you can use to water plants or flush toilets.

Wash your car at a commercial car wash—they use recycled water—instead of wasting a Saturday washing your car at home.

Leftover ice from your drinks looks nicer on your plants than down your drain.

As for fire safety: clearing brush is far more effective and more important than keeping a verdant, well-watered garden.

IF IT'S LEAKING, FIX IT. HOSE, FAUCET, OR ROOF. EVERY DRIP COUNTS.

