



## Our home water consumption decreased 45% with two easy steps

In 2014 our household saved 27,695 gallons of water. Our 46 CCF (4,600 cubic feet) of water was 45% less than the previous 2013 year.

Like each year, 2014 included productive Summer and Winter vegetable gardens in nine raised beds — <http://traubman.igc.org/garden.pdf>

If this interests you, here are our **two steps** to consider:

### 1. Flushing Toilets with Excess Shower Water

A. As it is heating up, collect shower water in a bucket.



B. Use that water in the toilet tank for flushing.

C. Flush only when needed, not after every wee-wee.

### 2. Reusing Washing Machine Water for Irrigation

A. Run your waste water hosing from the washing machine to a 55-gallon container with its light-duty, submersible sump pump at the bottom.

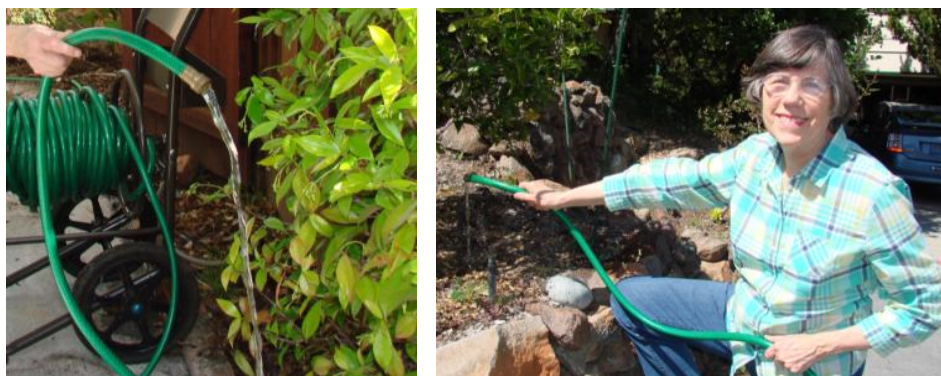




B. Attach the sump pump to the hose reel cart with a short length of hose.



C. As the washing machine waste water empties, turn on the sump pump and begin watering.



### **MATERIALS:**

55-gallon Rubbermaid Brute Container  
 1/3 HP Flotec Submersible Sump Pump  
 Hose Reel Cart  
 Water hoses (long one, short one)  
 Electric Extension Cord

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