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The blue ring shows the attachment of the reservoir hose. A turn of a valve diverts the water; the closing allows water to flow through the showerhead.



One, two, three: Sink, shower reservoir, toilet. The reservoir has a spigot at the bottom for filling other receptacles.

Photos Chris Lavin

According to the California Department of Water Resources, the average household uses 360 gallons of fresh, treated water every day. Gov. Jerry Brown has called for a 20 percent reduction in that number, which has EBMUD and individual users thinking about how to make that cut. Agencies have recommended measures that are becoming more widely used, such as:

- Install water-efficient fixtures and appliances, such

as dishwashers and washing machines, or point-source hot-water heaters.

- Don't follow Erma Bombeck's advice and do cram the dishwasher (and fill the washing machine) before you click the "on" button.
- Get a high-efficiency toilet, or put a brick in the tank to displace some water.
- Don't flush for pee. Follow the "yellow is mellow,

brown goes down" rule.

- Get a foaming hand-soap dispenser, thoroughly soap up hands, and then turn on the water to rinse off.
- Shut the faucet off while brushing teeth, for goodness sake.
- Shorten the shower by a couple of minutes.

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