California’s New Water Efficiency Laws: Calculating Water Targets

New laws require urban water providers to set permanent water use targets for their service areas by 2022. But how will these new targets be calculated?

To create each water provider’s unique target, the following standards will be calculated and added together:

**INDOOR USE**

The standard for indoor residential water use is **55 gallons** per person per day multiplied by the population of the service area.

**OUTDOOR USE**

The standard for outdoor residential water use is based upon a community’s climate and the amount of landscaped area.

**WATER LOSS**

The standard for water loss due to leaks in the water system pipes is still to be determined.

In California, droughts are a part of life, and the next dry year is always right around the corner. Contact your water provider for available rebates and water saving tips.

*This calculation will also include commercial, industrial and institutional users, details are still to be determined.*