Conserve Water ROUGH… ROUGH…ROUGH

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 Let’s be honest. We all love water. Have you ever thought about life without it? You would not be able to take showers, wash your hands, flush the toilet, and etc.. At this state, our world would be highly polluted and dirty. No one wants it to end up like that, so in January of 2014 Governor Jerry Brown declared a drought “State of Emergency.” California precipitation has been going down on average of around twenty-three inches per year to around twenty-one inches per year.

 California is not getting enough rain, and people are wasting their water on unnecessary things. Some areas of California use about fifty percent or more $H\_{2 }$O just to irrigate their lawns and do outdoor landscaping. Also, sixty-three percent of the state is in critical drought danger. This is not a good sign. Lack of water means less available hydropower. Evidently, renewable hydropower is the cheapest and most adaptable of the electricity resources. As a result, ratepayers will have to pay for more costly fuels. Not only that, but, this could lead to a dirtier energy use.

 This drought is not a small concern. Shortage of water can affect humans in multiple ways. For example, crops may not be able to grow as well, which means that farmers may lose their jobs. More wildfires can occur because the land is dry.Wildfires spread rapidly and will burn everything in their path, including farms, houses, and people. One major thing that puts out these giant threats is water. In addition, your plants and animals may not be able to survive with such a little amount of water. As you can tell, if this drought does not end and people do not conserve water, we will be in big trouble.

 This year could be California’s driest year on record. We need to be wise about our water otherwise we will end up like a desert. It will, for sure, be devastating. We should all make a unified effort to conserve California’s water.

Tips On How To Conserve Water

* take shorter showers
* turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth
* do not give too much water to your plants
* don’t waste bath water
* wash clothes and dishes only when machines are full
* wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water
* fix leaky faucets because one drip a second can waste 2,000 gallons of water per year