

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

INDOOR:

- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month. When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use. Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.
- If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model. A water-efficient shower head is inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month. Before you lather up, trade up your current shower head to a water-efficient shower head which can reduce water consumption by up to 40%. Water-conserving shower heads are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save a family of four up to 17,000 gallons of water a year.
- Ensure that a master water shut-off valve is installed on your home & know its location. In the event of a busted pipe or leak this could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it. If your toilet was installed before 1992, reduce the amount of water used for each flush by inserting a displacement device in the tank.
- Setting cooling systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills saves water and chemicals, plus more on utility bills.
- Report broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to the property owner or your water provider. Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets. Fixing a drip can save 300 gallons a month or more.

OUTDOOR:

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- Make sure your swimming pools, fountains, and ponds are equipped with re-circulating pumps.
- Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from leaking or bursting.
- Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time.

OTHER TIPS:

- Some refrigerators, air conditioners and ice-makers are cooled with wasted flows of water. Consider upgrading with air-cooled appliances for significant water savings.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste and save gallons every time.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water houseplants.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Make sure there are water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs.
- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves both on water and energy while it helps your clothes to keep their colors.
- When shopping for a new clothes washer, compare resource savings among Energy Star models. Some of these can save up to 20 gallons per load, and energy too.
- To save water and time, consider washing your face or brushing your teeth while in the shower.
- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- Collect water from your roof to water your garden.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
- Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.

- When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
- Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
- If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model. A water-efficient shower head is inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Before you lather up, trade up your current shower head to a water-efficient shower head which can reduce water consumption by up to 40%. Water-conserving shower heads are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save a family of four up to 17,000 gallons of water a year.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Ensure that a master water shut-off valve is installed on your home & know its location. In the event of a busted pipe or leak this could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
- Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.
- If your toilet was installed before 1992, reduce the amount of water used for each flush by inserting a displacement device in the tank.
- Setting cooling systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills saves water and chemicals, plus more on utility bills.
- Report broken pipes, open hydrants and errant sprinklers to the property owner or your water provider.
- Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons a month or more.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.
- Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.
- While staying in a hotel or even at home, consider reusing your towels.
- When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.