

Water Conservation Tips

Around The House

- Repair or replace all leaky faucets, fixtures and pipes both inside and outside your home. (Saves 150 gallons for each leak).
- When doing the laundry, never wash less than a full load. (Saves 100 gallons a week).
- Collect washing machine rinse water in utility sink. You can use it later to water indoor plants, run your garbage disposal, or pour into the toilet bowl to flush. (Saves 50 gallons a week).

Outdoors

- Set lawn mower blades one notch higher since longer grass reduces evaporation.
- Use chunks of bark, peat moss, or gravel to cover bare ground in gardens and around trees. (Saves 200 gallons or more a week).
- Never hose down your patio or balcony, use a broom or blower. (Saves 100 gallons a week).
- Do not allow children to play with the hose. (Saves 10 gallons a minute).
- If you have a pool, use a cover to cut down evaporation. This will also keep your pool cleaner and reduce the need to add chemicals. (Saves 250 gallons a week).
- Take your car to a car wash that recycles its wash water. If home car washing is permitted in your area, use a bucket of water and sponge to wash your car. Rinse quickly at the

end. Never allow the hose to run continuously. (Saves 150 gallons a week).

- Water your lawn and landscaping early in the morning or after the sun sets when there is less evaporation. Adjust your sprinklers so they don't spray on sidewalks, driveway or street. (Saves 250 gallons a week).

In The Kitchen

- Hand wash dishes just once a day using the least amount of detergent possible. This will cut down on rinsing. Use a sprayer or short blasts of water to rinse. (Saves 100 gallons a week).
- If you have a dishwasher, run it only when you have a full load. (Saves 30 gallons a week).
- Scrape food scraps off dishes in the garbage can or rinse them off with very short blasts of hot water. (Saves 60 gallons a week).
- Never use hot running water to defrost frozen foods. Plan ahead and place frozen items in the refrigerator overnight or use the microwave oven. (Saves 50 gallons a week).
- Rinse vegetables and fruits in a sink or a pan filled with water instead of under running water. (Saves 30 gallons a week).
- Run your garbage disposal on alternate days. (Saves 25 gallons a week).

In The Bathroom

- While waiting for hot water to come down the pipes, catch the cool water in a bucket or a watering can. You can use it later to water

plants, run your garbage disposal, or pour into the toilet bowl to flush. (Saves 50 gallons a week per person).

- Replace your regular showerheads with low-flow showerheads. (Saves 230 gallons a week).
- Keep your showers down to 5 minutes or less using a low-flow showerhead. (Saves 75 gallons a week per person).
- Turn the water off while lathering-up in the shower. Then turn the water back on to quickly rinse. (Saves 75 gallons a week per person).
- Take shallow baths, no more than 3 inches of water (Saves 100 gallons a week per person).
- Replace your older model toilets with new ultra-low-flush models. (Saves 350 gallons a week).
- Check your toilets for leaks. Drop a dye tablet or a teaspoon of food coloring in the tank. If color appears in the bowl after 15 minutes, replace the "flapper" valve or report the leak. (Saves 100 gallons a week for each toilet repaired).
- Flush the toilet only when necessary. (Saves 150 gallons a week).



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