

Water Conservation Tips

- Turn off water while brushing teeth or while shaving.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet to get a cold drink.



- Showers use less water than baths. It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub. A 15-minute shower, with a reduced flow showerhead, only uses 38 gallons. If there are 4 people in your family taking baths, and they all switch to 10-minute showers, you could save around 3,800 gallons of water a month, or \$30.00. That is over \$350/ a year in savings.

- Scrape dishes clean to limit pre-rinsing. Soak really dirty pans before washing. Limit dishwasher use to full loads. Energy Star dishwashers use about 4-gallons per load, standard dishwashers use about 6-gallons, and hand washing uses at least 20-gallonsof water each time.



- Use a shut-off nozzle and wash your car in small sections. Wash car on grass to in order to water the lawn, while washing car. A hose running can use 25-gallons of water per minute, so make sure your hose has a shut-off valve.
- Twice yearly, check faucets indoors and out. Replace worn-out fixtures, washers, and hose connections. Turn faucets off firmly.
- Plant water-saving plants, trees, and shrubs – particularly native species. Mulch to retain water. Replace lawn with plants or bark. Sweep outdoor porches and decks with a broom instead of using a hose to clean them.



- Water lawns slowly, thoroughly, and infrequently. Water in early A.M. to reduce evaporation. Install a drip system and automatic timer.

- Cover your pool or spa to reduce evaporation. Avoid overflows and splashes by reducing water levels.



- When it's time to replace your washing machine, install a high-efficiency washer. Conventional washers built before 2011, use about 40-gallons of water per load. High-efficiency washers use as little as 15-gallons per load.
- Replace toilets installed before 1994 with high-efficiency toilets. Some older toilets use up to 7-gallons of water per flush. A new, high –efficiency model uses only 1.28 gallons per flush. If a toilet is flushed an average of 8 times per day, a toilet upgrade can save \$125/year. A leaking toilet can waste up to a gallon of water per minute, which equates to over \$300.00 in one month.

