



Water Conservation Tips

Every Drop Counts!



Making simple changes at home can significantly reduce water usage, lower your utility bills, and help protect our community's precious water resources. Here's how you can make a difference in every room.

Indoor Tips

Bathroom

- Check toilets regularly for leaks.*
- Never use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Consider installing a low-flow toilet that uses less than 2 gallons per flush.
- Replace showerheads with ultra-low-flow models.
- Take shorter showers and fill bathtubs only one-third full.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Kitchen

- Run dishwashers only when fully loaded.
- Fill the sink when washing dishes by hand instead of letting water run.
- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap for cold water.
- Use garbage disposals only when necessary and consider composting food waste.
- Install an instant hot water system to reduce water waste while waiting for hot water.

Around the House

- Reuse water whenever possible for plants or cleaning.
- Check pipes, faucets, and fixtures for leaks.
- Repair dripping faucets promptly.
- Install faucet aerators and flow restrictors.
- Run washing machines with full loads whenever possible.
- Insulate hot water pipes to reduce waiting time for hot water.
- Adjust water temperature by reducing flow from the unwanted temperature source rather than increasing overall water flow.
- If you have a well, listen for the pump cycling when water is not being used—this may indicate a leak.
- Set water softeners to the minimum necessary regeneration cycle and turn them off while on vacation.



Outdoor Tips

Lawn & Irrigation

- Water lawns during early morning hours to reduce evaporation.
- Most lawns only need watering:
 - Every 5–7 days during summer
 - Every 10–14 days during winter
- Ensure sprinklers water lawns—not sidewalks, driveways, or streets.
- Use efficient irrigation methods such as drip irrigation or soaker hoses.
- Regularly inspect sprinkler heads and timers.
- Keep mower blades at least 3 inches high to encourage deeper root growth.
- Avoid over-fertilizing, which increases water demand.

Landscaping

- Add compost to improve soil moisture retention.
- Choose native and drought-tolerant plants, trees, shrubs, and ground covers.

Hoses & Outdoor Cleaning

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Install a shut-off nozzle on garden hoses.
- Turn water off at the spigot when not in use.
- Replace worn hose washers to prevent leaks.

General Water-Saving Tips

- Wash vehicles on the grass or at commercial car washes that recycle water.
- Use reclaimed water for irrigation when available.
- Cover swimming pools to reduce evaporation.
- Install water-efficient pool filters that require less backwashing.
- Avoid ornamental water features unless they recycle water and are placed away from direct sunlight and wind.

***Toilet Leak Test**

- Add a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank.
- Wait 20–30 minutes without flushing.
- Check the toilet bowl.
- If colored water appears in the bowl, there is likely a leak.
- Most toilet leaks are caused by inexpensive parts that can be easily replaced.
- (Flush the toilet after testing to prevent staining.)