

Things you can do to save water...

In the bathroom...

1. Shorten your shower. A one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons of water each month. If possible, take a shallow bath instead of a shower for even greater water savings.
2. Replace your showerhead with low-flow showerheads or install flow restrictors.
3. Put trash in the wastebasket, cigarettes in the ashtray - don't flush! Each time you flush a small bit of trash, you waste five to seven gallons of water.
4. Check for leaks in your toilets. Drop a dye tablet in your toilet tank or add a few drops of food coloring - let stand for at least three hours. If the color begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, your toilet has a leak that could be wasting thousands of gallons of water each year. Repair those leaks!
5. When brushing your teeth, wet your toothbrush, then turn off the water.
6. Rinse your razor in a partially-filled sink instead of under a running tap.
7. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Replace worn washers - even a small drip from a worn washer can waste 20 or more gallons a day. Large leaks can waste hundreds.
8. Put a plastic bottle in your toilet. Fill the bottle with water and a small amount of pebbles (to weigh it down) and place in your tank, away from operating mechanisms. Your plastic bottle can save you 10 or more gallons of water each day.
9. While waiting for your bath water to get warm, place a bucket under the faucet to catch the cold water ("gray water"). Use later to water your house plants, or to refill toilet tank after flushing.
10. Building or remodeling your home? Ask your builder to install ultra-low flush (U.L.F.) toilets and faucets.

In the kitchen and laundry...

11. Keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking. Don't run the tap waiting for cold water.
12. Rinse vegetables in a pan of water - not under a running tap.
13. Use your dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only.
14. Never leave the water running if you wash dishes by hand. Fill one sink with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, use a dish rack and rinse with hot water.
15. Use the smallest amount of detergent possible when washing dishes by hand. This reduces the amount of rinse water needed.
16. Check your kitchen/bath pipes and faucets for leaks and replace worn washers immediately.
17. Use the garbage disposal less and the garbage can more often. Better yet, compost!
18. Defrost frozen foods in the microwave or refrigerator, instead of under running water.

Make every drop count!