



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Do you know?

Even though the Earth is covered by over 70% water, at any one time less than 1% is available for drinking. 96.5% of all water is found in our oceans and seas. Most of the remaining water is locked away in the polar ice caps, leaving very little usable water found in the ground and in lakes and rivers. So you can see: water is a very precious resource, indeed. It is everyone's responsibility to be good stewards of the environment and ensure water for future generations.

**THERE ARE MANY
SIMPLE THINGS
YOU CAN DO
AROUND YOUR
HOME TO HELP
CONSERVE WATER...**

Find and report any leaky faucets

- A faucet leaking 60 drops per minute will waste 192 gallons per month! Call it in to your local Maintenance Request Line and make an appointment to get leaks (inside and out) taken care of.
- Turn off the faucet when lathering hands, shaving, or brushing teeth; doing so can save over a 100 gallons per person, per month!
- A toilet that leaks or continues to run after use can waste hundreds of gallons per month!

Take shorter showers

- Cutting your shower by a minute or two can save 150 gallons per month.
- When possible, opt for a shower instead of bath. An average shower uses 10-25 gallons of water while a full tub uses 50-70 gallons. If you do take a bath, plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as needed.

Good Kitchen Practices

- If you have a dishwasher wait until it is full before you run it.
- If you wash dishes by hand avoid running the water constantly. If you have a double sink, fill one side for rinse water while washing in the other.
- Keep a bottle or pitcher in the refrigerator for cold water instead of running the tap every time for a drink.
- When washing fruits or vegetables rinse them in a pan or partially filled sink.
- Plan ahead and defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator instead of running under hot water.

Laundry

- Wait until you have a full load before doing laundry or adjust the water level appropriately to fit the load.
- Whenever possible use cold water to wash—that can help save on energy usage, too!

Outside

- Water plants and yards during the cool times of the day (before 9AM, after 5PM) to minimize evaporation; water your lawn only 2 or 3 times a week
- If your kids want to cool off in a sprinkler place it in a location that is beneficial to plants and lawns.

- Maintenance Request -

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