



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

WATER IS A LIMITED RESOURCE

That's why it is important to use water wisely.

INDOOR

In the bathroom...

Toilet: Flush only when necessary. Repair leaks.

Sink: Plug the drain and use only as much water as you need to wash or shave. Don't let water run when you brush your teeth. Repair leaks and drips.

Tub or Shower: Plug the drain before you run water for baths. Take shallow baths and keep showers short.

In the kitchen...

Sink: Check faucets and pipes for leaks. Replace washers, and repair or replace fixtures if necessary. Install an aerator or flow restrictor in the faucet.

When doing laundry...

- **Use the load selector. Match the water level to the load size or do only full loads.**
- **Presoak heavily soiled items.**
- **Use only as much detergent as needed.**
- **Check faucets and hose connections for leaks.**

Dish washing...

- Scrape dishes, but don't prerinse.
- Soak pots and pans before washing.
- Don't keep the water running. Plug the wash and rinse basins. Use only as much water and detergent as you need.
- Run the dishwasher only when it is full, avoid extra cycles and select no-heat drying.
- Inspect all connections to the dishwasher and repair any leaks.

OUTDOOR

Hoses and Irrigation Systems...

- Use a hose nozzle that can be shut off. To avoid leaks, shut off water at the house when finished.
- Consider a drip irrigation system. This type of system slowly waters at the roots to help reduce evaporation.
- Keep irrigation systems running efficiently. Install shut-off devices like rain or soil-moisture sensors. Repair, replace or adjust sprinkler heads. Check often for leaks.

Pool...

- Don't overfill. This helps reduce splashing and spilling. Use a cover to slow evaporation.
- Check the pool and filtration system for leaks. Have leaks repaired.

Lawn and Garden...

- Water when the sun is down, early in the morning, late at night and it's not windy. Water slowly and as little as possible.
- Let grass grow taller in hot weather. Use mulch in the garden and around shrubs to save moisture.
- Plant native plants and shrubs that don't need a lot of water. Consider alternatives to big, thirsty lawns.
- Obey any watering restrictions in your community.