

Tips for Water Conservation

- Listen for drips and leaks around the house. Fix all internal plumbing leaks if found.
- Wash only full loads of laundry in your washing machine.
- Install low flow fixtures in the home. Use aerators on all faucets. Install low flow flushing toilets or adjust fill valve to reduce the amount of water used with each flush.
- Take showers rather than baths. Keep showers under 5 minutes. If taking baths, try plugging bath tub before turning water on, then adjust water temp as tub fills.
- Only run dishwasher when full. If washing dishes by hand, don't let water run while rinsing. Fill one side of sink with wash water and the other side with rinse water.
- Thaw foods in refrigerator instead of using running water.
- Do not use garbage disposal. Compost food wastes.
- Upgrade old appliances with appliances that offer water and energy efficient cycles.
- Turn faucets off while brushing teeth, washing hands, and shaving.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a pot of water instead of using running water. Use this water to water your plants.
- Teach children to turn off faucets completely after use.
- Do not use your toilet as a garbage can. Place a trash can next to your toilet.

For additional tips or general information on water conservation go to: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense>

How Much Water Do We Use?



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