

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

There are many simple things you can do around your home to help conserve water...

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.

Kitchen

- Make sure faucet valves (hot and cold water) are completely closed when not in use. If you have a leaky faucet, please submit a work order.
- Wait until your dishwasher 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.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of times you run your dishwasher.
- Plan ahead and defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator instead of running under hot water.

Laundry Room

- Wash and dry only full loads when possible. If you are washing a small load, use the appropriate water setting (half loads use almost as much energy as a full load).
- Use cold water when washing clothes when possible.
 Using cold water consumes less energy and helps preserve the environment.
- Use the "high spin" speed on your washer if possible. This will extract more water and reduce trying time.

Bathroom

- A faucet leaking 60 drops per minute will waste 192 gallons per month! Make sure all faucet valves (hot and cold water) are completely closed when not in use. If you have a leaky faucet, please submit a work order.
- Does the toilet fill valve turn on intermittently or sound like it is "hissing"? The flapper or valve may need to be replaced. Please submit a work order. You can save more than 600 gallons a 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.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.

Yard

- 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.

QUESTIONS?

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