

Household Water Conservation Tips

By reducing household water use, you not only conserve water and reduce your water bill, but you also help to reduce the energy required to pump and treat public water.



Wash full laundry loads whenever possible, or reduce the level of water appropriately. ENERGY STAR® appliances use less water and, well, energy.



Landscape with species that are native to your region and reduce your turf grass areas. Plant in the spring and fall, when watering requirements are lower. Redirect your downspouts to water your plants and trees, or fill a rain barrel.

Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Scrape your dishes instead of rinsing them before loading the dishwasher. Run the dishwasher with a full load, and use the air-dry option when possible.



Install a pressure-regulating valve to reduce the pressure of water entering your house to 60 psi. This helps with leaks, saves water and money, and can lower the chance of damage from burst pipes.



Repair any faucet leaks; a leaky faucet can waste gallons of water. Remember to check your outdoor faucets as well. One drip per minute adds up to 5 gallons per day.



Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. Read the meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used (like overnight). If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

A 5-minute shower can use less water than a bath, which requires up to 70 gallons of water. Install a low-flow shower head to improve its efficiency. WaterSense™ fixtures perform better than their less efficient counterparts.



Toilet leaks can be silent! Be sure to test your toilet for leaks by putting food coloring in the tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing after 30 minutes, you have a leak.

