



Tip Sheet for Saving Water - Indoors & Outdoors

Bathroom

- Turn It Off.** By turning off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving, you can save about three gallons of water a minute.
- Time To Upgrade.** Replace older toilets with newer water-efficient models.
- Shorter Showers.** If you can keep your shower under five minutes, you can save about 30 gallons of water a day.
- Quick Fix.** Check for leaks in your toilet tank and fix it as soon as possible.
- Slow It Down.** Install a low-flow faucet aerator on all bathroom faucets.
- Garbage In The Garbage Can.** Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket for facial tissues and other garbage.

Kitchen

- Cool It.** Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator.
- Fill 'Em Up.** Only run dishwashers when they are fully loaded.
- Don't Rinse.** If you have a newer dishwasher, you may not need to rinse your dishes beforehand.
- Plan To Thaw.** If you're thawing frozen food, use the microwave. Or plan ahead and let it thaw (in the refrigerator) while you're at work.
- Slow It Down.** Install a low-flow faucet aerator on kitchen faucets.
- Turn It Off.** Don't let the faucet run when washing dishes by hand.
- Save it for Later.** While waiting for tap water to warm up, use a pitcher or other container to save the excess to water house plants.

Laundry Room

- Time To Upgrade.** Replace older washing machines with water-efficient models.
- Fill 'Em Up.** Only run washing machines when they are fully loaded.
- Quick Fixes.** If you notice a leak in your pipes or washing machine hookups, fix it as soon as possible.
- Slow It Down.** Install a low-flow faucet aerator on the laundry room sink faucet.
- Cut the Time.** Use the shortest wash cycle for everyday loads.

Water-Wise Landscaping

Irrigation

- Pick Your Days.** During the summer, lawns only need to be watered two days a week. You pick the days. In extreme summer heat, add one more day to your weekly picks.
- Check It Monthly.** Every month, check the timer on your sprinkler system to make sure it follows the recommended watering times.
- Set A Timer.** If you use a hose to water the lawn, set a hose faucet timer to automate watering times.
- Dawn Or Dusk.** Watering the lawn before 10:00 am or after 6:00 pm cuts down on evaporation.
- Watch The Sky.** Be aware of weather forecasts and turn off your irrigation system when it's supposed to rain or high winds are predicted.
- Train Your Lawn.** Encourage deeper grass roots to develop by spreading out your watering days.
- Cycle and Soak.** Break the amount of watering time for each zone into three shorter cycles. This will allow water to soak deeper into the soil. Modern sprinkler system timers have a cycle function.

Lawn, Plants, and Gardening

- Mow less.** Adjust your lawn mower blade to leave grass two and a half to three inches tall
- Much Mulch.** Putting a layer of mulch around your trees and plants cuts down on evaporation and can save hundreds of gallons a month.
- Keep It Native.** Plant native grasses, they require less water to grow.
- Feed The Roots.** Aerate your lawn in the spring so water will reach the roots instead of running off the surface.
- Xeriscape.** Use wise water landscape practices from start to finish when planning your garden landscape.
- Pick Your Plants.** Learn more about the right types of plants that will help save water.

Pool & Spa

- Cover It Up.** Be sure to use a pool or spa cover to reduce the amount of evaporation and water loss.
- Fix It Quick.** Check regularly for leaks in your equipment or pool/spa structure, and fix them as soon as possible.
- Plug The Line.** When adding water or using the pool, plug the overflow line. Keep the water where it belongs.

Patio & Driveway

- Sweep It Up.** Use a broom instead of the hose when cleaning driveway, patios and sidewalks.
- Go To A Carwash.** Instead of washing your car with a hose at home, take your car to a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Spray The Plants.** When watering hanging plants and patio gardens, use a spray nozzle with a shutoff handle to keep water from flowing continuously.