

Indoor Conservation Tips



- ◆ When you shop for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load adjustments. Front loading washing machines are the most water efficient.
- ◆ When cleaning your fish tank, use the water you've drained on your plants. The water is rich in nitrogen and phosphorus, providing you with a free and effective fertilizer.



- ◆ Teach your children to turn off water tightly after each use.
- ◆ Encourage water conservation practices amongst your family. Teach your children to be water conscious and encourage conservation in schools.
- ◆ Make suggestions to your employer to save water at work.
- ◆ When you give your pet fresh water, instead of throwing the old water out, use it to water a plant



Kitchen



- ◆ When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one side of the sink with wash water and the other side with rinse water.



- ◆ Don't use running water to thaw food.
- ◆ Soak your pots and pans instead of letting water run while you scrape them.



- ◆ Put aerators on all of your faucets.
- ◆ Install an instant hot water heater on your kitchen sink so that you don't have to let the water run while it heats up.
- ◆ Select the proper size of pan for cooking. Larger pots require more water.

- ◆ Cook food in as little water as possible. This will allow the veggies to retain more nutrients. Water plants with the residual water and the lost nutrients will feed your plant.
- ◆ For cold drinks, keep a pitcher in the refrigerator instead of running the tap.
- ◆ Run dishwasher only when it is full.
- ◆ Wash produce in a large bowl or basin. Reuse the water for plants, trees or shrubs.
- ◆ Cut back on rinsing of dishes if dishwasher is new. Newer models are more efficient and have a more powerful rinse.



- ◆ Designate one glass for drinking water each day. This will cut down on the number of dishes to be washed each day.
- ◆ Don't use running water to thaw food.

Bathroom



- ◆ The bathroom accounts for 75% of the water used inside the home.
- ◆ Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes. You'll save up to 1000 gallons per month.



- ◆ Install low-volume or dual flush toilets.
- ◆ Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into your toilet bowl, it indicates that you have a leak. Fixing the leak can save more than 600 gallons per month.
- ◆ Plug the bathtub before turning the water on, and then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.
- ◆ Install a low-flow showerhead, they are easy to install, inexpensive and can save more than 500 gallons a week.
- ◆ Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute.
- ◆ Make sure your toilet valve doesn't stay stuck open after flushing.



- ◆ Bathe your young children together.

- ◆ If your toilet was installed prior to 1980, place a toilet dam or bottle filled with water in the toilet tank to cut down on the amount of water used for each flush.
- ◆ Turn off the water while shampooing your hair and save more than 50 gallons per week.
- ◆ Turn off the water while you shave and save more than 100 gallons per week.



- ◆ Reuse bath towels
- ◆ Put food coloring into your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons per month.
- ◆ When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.



- ◆ Throw tissue in the trash instead of flushing it.
- ◆ Taking showers instead of baths saves 27% more water.