

Washing Dishes

An automatic dishwasher uses 8-12 gallons of water, while washing dishes by hand can use twice as much.

Showering -vs- Bathing

The average five minute shower uses approximately 15-20 gallons of water, while a bathtub full of water requires as much as 40 gallons of water.

The Bathroom

Toilets account for the most water used inside the house; up to 27 gallons per person per day. Flush toilets only when necessary. If your toilet is an older model, use a water displacement bag in the tank or replace it with a water-saving ultra low-flow model.

Laundry

Match the water level to the size of the load. Replace older machines with a newer, water-saving model that will only use half as much water for each load. Finally, be sure to repair leaking hose connections and pipes.

Washing the Car

Always use a positive action shut-off nozzle while washing your car.

Lawns and Gardens

Water lawns and plants during early morning hours to reduce evaporation. Set sprinkler timers to water every other day. Use mulch around plants and shrubs. Select drought-tolerant or native plants for your landscaping.

Driveways and Sidewalks

Use a broom or leaf blower to clean debris from your driveway and sidewalks instead of a hose.

Pools and Ponds

Pay attention to the water level to avoid unnecessary spillage and use a cover to prevent evaporation.

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WATER

Conservation



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Why Conserve Water?

Water is a precious and limited resource; one that will become scarce if we do not conserve and protect it before it's too late.



**Water Conservation is
Everyone's Responsibility**



Easy Ways to Conserve

1. Be aware of how much water is used washing dishes, brushing your teeth, showering, and washing your car.
2. Fix leaking faucets; a drip can waste as much as 3,280 gallons per year.
3. Fix leaking toilets; as much as 200 gallons per day can disappear down the drain.
4. Re-use water whenever possible; a bucket in the shower can catch water for plants or cleaning projects around the house.
5. Look for water saving devices at your local hardware store; faucet aerators, low-flow shower heads, and water displacement bags for the toilet make water conservation easy.



Keeping Water Plentiful

Although we are surrounded by water, most is not drinkable. Over 97% of all the water on our planet is salt water, and over 2% of the water on Earth is captured in glaciers. That leaves less than 1% of all the water on this planet suitable for human consumption.

Keeping Water Clean

Conserving water is only half the battle. To ensure that our water needs will always be met, we must protect our water supplies against the constant threat of pollution.

Save Money

You can save money on your water and utility bills by conserving water.

Save Energy

You can save energy by reducing the amount of hot water used in your home.

Save the Environment

Conserving water can help ease the burden on conveyance, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities. And, during periods of drought or reduced water supplies, it will help stretch what little water is available.

Reduce consumption; save money!