

Water

H₂O=Life

Water Conservation Tips

Indoor

- Run the dishwasher only when full. (2–4.5 gallons per load)
- Turn off water when rinsing dishes. (2.5 gallons per minute)
- Turn off water when brushing teeth. (2 gallons per minute)
- Shorten showers. (2.5 gallons per minute)
- Fill the bathtub half full while bathing (15–25 gallons per bath)
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. (1.6 gallons per flush)
- Wash only full loads of clothes. (15–50 gallons per load)
- Fix leaky toilets. (30–50 gallons per day per toilet)
- Fix leaky faucets. (15–20 gallons per day per leak)
- Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets. (4.7 gallons per day)

Landscape Irrigation

- Water only before 6 AM and after 8 PM to reduce evaporation and interference from wind. (20–25 gallons per day)
- Don't overwater! (15–25 gallons for each minute; up to 250 gallons per cycle)
 - Reduce each irrigation cycle by 1–3 minutes, or eliminate one irrigation cycle per week.
 - Water only after the top inch of soil is dry.
 - Reset irrigation controllers and replace batteries in the spring and fall.
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent overspray and run-off. (15–25 gallons per day)
- Repair leaks and broken sprinkler heads. (20 gallons per day per leak)
- Add 2" to 3" of mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation. (20–30 gallons per day per 1000 sq. ft.)

Other Outdoor Ideas

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. (8–18 gallons per minute)
- Adjust your pressure reducer (if you have one) to keep pressure between 40 and 60 p.s.i. (Varies)
- Don't leave the hose running while washing your car. Get a self-closing nozzle to make it easier. (8–18 gallons per minute)
- Repair any leaks around pool and spa pumps. (20 gallons per day per leak)
- Repair leaking hose bibs. (15–20 gallons per day per leak)

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