

Water Conservation Tips for Homeowners

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Water conservation is the most cost-effective and environmentally sound way to reduce our demand for water. Here are a few simple ways to conserve water in and around your home to save money and energy!



Outside:

- Use a bucket of water and a quick hose rinse when washing the car, or go to a car wash to save on water use.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Capture rain water in a barrel to use on outside plants and lawn.
- Insulate water pipes to conserve on energy use.
- Water lawn/plants only when needed, and during the early part of the day.
- Place a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow down evaporation.



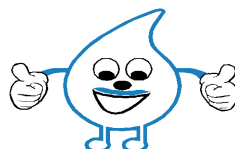
Inside:

- Fix leaky faucets, plumbing joints.
- Check toilet for hidden leaks.

Put a plastic bottle or bag weighted with pebbles and filled with water in your toilet tank to decrease the amount of water with each flush.

Put dye tablets or food coloring into toilet tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there is a leak.

- Run only full loads in washing machine and dishwasher.
- Wash clothes at lower temperatures.
- Take shorter showers rather than the bathtub; invest in water-saving showerheads or flow restrictors.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth, shaving, preparing vegetables, and hand-washing dishes.
- Insulate water heater.



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- Do your part, be water smart!