



You can reduce water consumption and potentially save money over the long term by following some of these water conservation tips.

INDOOR

- Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth or shaving;
- Install a faucet aerator on your kitchen and bathroom sinks;
- Don't use your toilet as a wastebasket;
- Install a low-flow showerhead and take shorter showers;
- Install a low-flow or dual-flush toilet;
- Rinse dishes, vegetables and fruits in a filled basin rather than under running water;
- Water your plants with leftover rinse water or water collected from a rain barrel;
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine;
- Keep a jug of water in the fridge for drinking to avoid running the water until it gets cold.

OUTDOOR

- Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter, making sure to follow watering restrictions;
- Use a layer of organic mulch around plants to reduce evaporation;
- Use a broom instead of a water hose to clean your driveway;
- Check outdoor faucets, pipes and hoses for leaks;
- Raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches high. Shorter grass makes the roots work harder, requiring more water;
- Weed your lawn and garden regularly, as weeds compete with other plants for water;
- Wash your car with a bucket and sponge instead of a hose;
- Collect water in a rain barrel for use on indoor and outdoor plants.