

# WATER CONSERVATION TIPS



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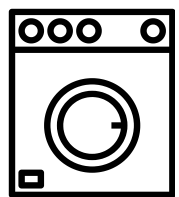
### WATER EFFICIENT APPLIANCES AND FIXTURES

Replace old appliances and fixtures including toilets, washing machines, dishwashers, faucets and shower heads with water-efficient models.



### FIX LEAKS

Regularly inspect toilets and faucets for leaks. To check toilets for leaks, remove the top and add a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If the color appears in the toilet bowl, you have a leak. To check sinks, simply run the water and watch under the sink for any leakage from the pipes.



### FULL LOADS ONLY

Whether washing clothes or dishes, only run your washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load. Use a quick or light wash setting if your machine has one. Also, always opt for the dishwasher rather than hand washing to save water.



### TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS

The average shower uses approximately 2.5 gallons of water per minute, therefore every minute counts. Try to cut your shower time down by just five minutes to save 12.5 gallons of water.



### TURN OFF THE WATER

Don't let the water run while washing your hands, brushing your teeth, shaving or washing dishes. Turn off the water during these activities and simply turn back on to rinse.



### INSTALL FAUCET AERATORS

Install faucet aerators to reduce the amount of water used every time you turn the sink on. Faucet aerators add air to the stream, slowing the flow of water without decreasing water pressure.



### DON'T LET WATER GO TO WASTE

Rather than pouring unused water down the drain, find a way to use it around the house. While waiting for water to get hot in the shower, capture the water to water house plants.



### THE TOILET IS NOT A TRASHCAN

Only toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. In addition to potentially clogging pipes and creating blockages, disposing of trash in the toilet causes unnecessary flushing which waste water.