


Water

Conservation Tips

Water conservation is important during low-water conditions. As homeowners, you are the front-line defense for water conservation. The following are some tips on how to be a responsible water user. Please consider these suggestions to help out the whole community.



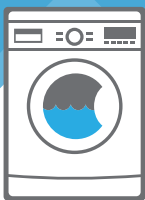
Clean vegetables in a large bowl of water instead of under running water.

Fill your sink or basin when washing and rinsing dishes. **Only run the dishwasher when full.**

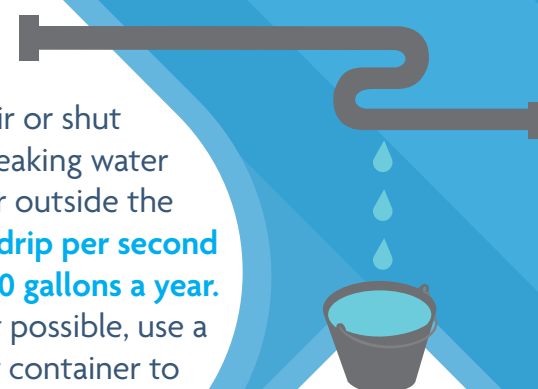
Avoid using water to defrost frozen foods. Plan ahead and thaw it out the night before needed.



Chill drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap and waiting for the water to get cold. **Avoid wasting water waiting for it to get hot.** Capture it in a container for other uses such as plants or pets.




Only run the clothes washer with full loads. **Use the low-water setting on the washing machine.** Try to not use the washer in excess; wash only what needs to be washed.




Repair or shut off any leaking water lines in or outside the home. **One drip per second will use 2,700 gallons a year.** If this is not possible, use a bucket or container to catch the water...


Use it for things like watering plants or filling your pet's water bowl. Try to find a use for any water you collect. **Limit water use outside the home.** If it rains, use a container to catch rainwater for gardens or pet use. Do not water yards or dusty roads.



Take short showers. Turn off the water while you lather up and turn it back on to rinse off. Try not to fill the bathtub full for bathing. **This can save 50 percent of normal water use.**



Avoid letting the water run while brushing your teeth, washing your face or shaving. **This can save 80 percent of water normally used.**



Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues and similar waste in the trash. **This can save 40-50 percent of normal water usage.** Make sure your toilet is not leaking. To check for leaks, add food coloring to the toilet tank. If the toilet bowl shows color after about an hour, the toilet is leaking.

Water conservation is a mindset. Please try to use every gallon of water responsibly.



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