

# WATER SAVING TIPS

1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
2. **Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.**
3. Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
4. **For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop goes down you and not the drain.**
5. Your water meter is a tool that can help you discover leaks.
6. Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
7. **If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.**
8. Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, and then reuse it to water houseplants.
9. We're more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets
10. When buying new appliances, consider those that offer cycle and load size adjustments. They're more water and energy efficient.
11. **Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.**
12. Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
13. When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
14. **Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.**
15. **When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, and then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.**
16. Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
17. Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.

18. **Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.**
19. **When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.**
20. Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.
21. **Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.**
22. Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean
23. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
24. If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
25. Make sure there are water-saving aerators on all of your faucets
26. If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
27. Bathe your young children together.
28. Winterize outdoor spigots when temperatures dip below freezing to prevent pipes from leaking or bursting.
29. Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.
30. **Drop your tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save water every time.**
31. **If your toilet was installed before 1992, reduce the amount of water used for each flush by inserting a displacement device in the tank.**
32. **Listen for dripping faucets and running toilets. Fixing a leak can save 300 gallons a month or more.**
33. **Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.**
34. When shopping for a new clothes washer, compare resource savings among Energy Star models. Some of these can save up to 20 gallons per load, and energy too.
35. When washing dishes by hand, fill the sink basin or a large container and rinse when all of the dishes have been soaped and scrubbed.
36. **Turn off the water while you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.**
37. Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
38. When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.