



Water Conservation Tips and Ideas

Indoor Tips & Ideas

1. If you accidentally drop ice cubes, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.
2. Collect the water you use while rinsing fruit and vegetables. Use it to water house plants.
3. When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
4. Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
5. Toilet leaks can be silent! Be sure to test your toilet for leaks at least once a year.
6. Install water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.
7. While you wait for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.
8. Run your washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
9. One drip every second adds up to five gallons per day! Check your faucets and showerheads for leaks.
10. Don't use running water to thaw food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator.



Outdoor Tips & Ideas

1. When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it most.
2. Avoid recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water.
3. Catch water in an empty tuna can to measure sprinkler output. 3/4 to 1 inch of water is enough to apply each time you irrigate.
4. Set a kitchen timer when using the hose as a reminder to turn it off. A running hose can discharge up to 10 gallons per minute.
5. Remember to periodically check your sprinkler system valves for leaks, and to keep sprinkler heads in good shape.
6. Wash your pets outdoors, in an area of your lawn that needs water.
7. Don't overfill the pool. Lower water levels will reduce water loss due to splashing.
8. Use a rain barrel to harvest rainwater from gutters for watering gardens and landscapes.
9. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it.
10. Minimize evaporation by watering during the early morning hours when temperatures are cooler and winds are lighter.

