



Water Conservation Tips

1. When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing.
2. Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full.
3. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator.
4. Wash your produce in the sink or a pan that is partially filled.
5. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.
6. Time your shower to keep it under 5 minutes.
7. Designate one glass for your drinking water each day.
8. Don't use running water to thaw food.
9. Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
10. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and/or shave.
11. Make sure your toilet flapper doesn't stick open after flushing.
12. Make sure there are aerators on all of your faucets.
13. Cut back on rinsing dishes for dishwasher.
14. Bathe your young children together.
15. Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it down the toilet.
16. Listen for dripping faucets and toilets that flush themselves.
17. Cook food in as little water as possible.
18. Turn the water off while you shampoo and condition your hair.
19. Reuse your towels.
20. If your shower can fill a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, then replace it with a water-efficient showerhead.
21. Collect the water you use for rinsing produce and reuse it to water houseplants.
22. When you shop for a new appliance, consider one offering cycle and load size adjustments.
23. Install low-volume toilets.
24. Put food coloring your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
25. Direct downspouts and other runoff towards shrubs and trees.
26. When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.
27. Apply the minimum amount of fertilizer needed.
28. Avoid installing ornamental water features and fountains that spray water into the air.
29. Encourage your school system and local government to help develop and promote a water conservation ethic among children and adults.
30. Install an instant water heater on you kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up.
31. Make suggestions to your employer to save water (and dollars) at work.
32. If your toilet was installed prior to 1980, place a toilet dam or bottle filled with water in your toilet tank to cut down on the amount of water used for each flush.
33. Choose new water-saving appliances.
34. Select the proper size pans for cooking.
35. If you accidentally drop ice cubes when filling your glass from the freezer, don't throw them in the sink. Drop them in a house plant instead.
36. When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather.