

Additional Water Conservation Tips

Every little bit can make a difference

- When washing dishes by hand, do not let water run.
- Choose shrubs or groundcover instead of mowed lawn for hard to water areas such as slopes.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, driveway, sidewalks or street.
- Install covers on pools and spas and check for leaks around your pumps.
- For cold drinks keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap. This way, every drop gets used and not lost down the drain.
- Wash your raw vegetables (to be cooked) in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing vegetables, then reuse it to water your plants.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you will save up to 150 gallons per month.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.
- When cleaning fish tanks, give the nutrient rich water to your plants.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- Avoid recreation water toys that require constant water flows such as slip and slide.
- Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.
- Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.
- Aerate your lawn once a year so water can reach the roots rather than runoff the surface.
- When you give your pet's fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your plants.