

Conserve

More efficient water use begins with individuals, in the home and place of work. Heating and pumping water requires chemicals and energy. When we waste less water, we conserve fuel and reduce the pollution generated by burning fuel and treating water with chemicals. Taking these and other steps, and encouraging others to do so, makes good economic as well as environmental sense.



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Indoors

Install a toilet dam or plastic bottle in your toilet tank.

Install a water-efficient showerhead (2.5 gallons or less per minute).

Take short showers and draw less water for baths.

When you buy a new toilet, purchase a low flow model (1.6 gallons or less per flush).

Check your toilet for silent leaks by placing a little food coloring in the tank and seeing if it leaks into the bowl.

Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving.

Compost your food scraps rather than using a garbage disposal in your sink.

Keep cold drinking water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap.

Run your washing machine with a full load of clothes. Wash with warm water instead of hot and rinse with cold water instead of warm. Wash with cold water when you can.

Outdoors

Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn, not on paved areas.

Use drought-tolerant plants and grasses for landscaping and reduce grass-covered areas.

Cut your grass at least 3 inches high to shade the roots, making it more drought tolerant; keep your mower blade sharp for the healthiest grass.

Try to water only in the evening or very early morning to minimize evaporation.

Consider using porous pavement, such as gravel, instead of asphalt for driveways and walkways. The rain can recharge groundwater supplies instead of running off and contributing to erosion.

Use a broom instead of a hose to clean off your driveway or sidewalk.

Wash your car less often or at a car wash where they clean and recycle the water.

If you do wash your car at home, use a bucket of soapy water rather than running the hose. Keep a spring-loaded nozzle on the hose.