

Water Conservation: It Matters!

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the US is using more water than ever, at a time when the world's most precious resource has become less plentiful. So what can *YOU* do?

General

- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.
- Limit shower time – don't take marathon showers.
- Replace conventional plumbing fixtures with low-flow ones whenever possible.
- Run your dishwasher only when full.
- Run your washing machine only when full, and adjust the water setting carefully.

Faucets, showerheads, & toilets

- A leaky faucet or showerhead can waste approximately 75 gallons of water per week.
- Worn out washers are the main cause of leaks.
- Faucets use between 2-7 gallons per minute. Installing a low flow aerator can reduce the flow by up to 25 percent.
- Remove and clean aerators often.
- Leaky toilets can waste 50 gallons of water or more per day.

Garden and landscape

- Water in the cool of the day (early morning is best).
- Repair leaky hose connections and sprinkler valves.
- Install rain sensors to prevent unnecessary watering.
- Don't water if there has been an inch of rainfall during the week.