

Voluntary Water Conservation Tips

Outdoors:

- Reduce lawn watering to two days per week and water in the cool of the day, early morning or late evening are the best times.
- Use a broom or leaf blower, not a water hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks and to clear away leaves.
- Put mulch around trees and plants to slow water evaporation.
- Wash vehicles at facilities where the wash water is recycled. If you must wash your vehicle at home, don't run the water while washing the car, use a bucket of soapy water to wash and use the hose only to rinse.

Indoors:

- Take shorter showers, most showers use 5-10 gallons per minute.
- Don't leave the water running while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Wash only full loads of dishes in the dishwasher. Use the shortest cycle needed to properly clean your dishes. Likewise, wash only full loads of laundry or adjust the water level for smaller loads. Just one load of laundry can use 40 or more gallons of water.
- Don't leave the water running while scrubbing vegetables and fruit.
- Store drinking water in the fridge to cool it, instead of letting the water run until it gets cold enough to drink.
- Don't use the toilet as a disposal or wastebasket.
- Fix leaking faucets and toilets. A slow drip can add up to 15-20 gallons a day. Check for other system leaks.
- Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucets.
- Know where the shut-off valves are for all water lines and the hot water heater in case of emergencies.