



**Water is essential to each of us every day. But it's a limited resource, so we all need to rethink the way we use water on a daily basis. By following these water-saving tips you can help save water every day:**

- Use the washing machine for full loads only to save water and energy.
- Run the dishwasher only when full to save water and energy.
- Install aerators on the kitchen faucet to reduce flows to less than 1 gallon per minute.
- Wash dishes by hand; fill one basin with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Instead, compost vegetable food waste.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap.
- Collect the water you use to rinse fruit & vegetables and water house plants.
- Turn water off when brushing teeth, shaving and while washing your hair.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the bowl without flushing, there's a leak.
- When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather.
- Take a (short) shower instead of a bath.
- Install low-flow shower heads & take five minute showers instead of 10 minutes.
- Install aerators on bathroom faucets. Save: 1.2 Gallons Per Person/Day
- Install a high-efficiency toilet. Save: 19 Gallons Per Person/Day
- Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler.



- Check your sprinkler system & adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered.
- Choose a water-efficient irrigation system for your trees & shrubs.
- Water deeply but less frequently to create healthier and stronger landscapes.
- Put a layer of mulch around trees & plants to reduce evaporation & keep soil cool.
- Plant drought-resistant trees and plants.
- Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios.
- Wash cars/boats with a bucket, sponge, and hose with self-closing nozzle.



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**Thank you for not wasting water!**