

# WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

**Estimated  
water monthly  
savings  
(gallons)**

## INDOOR CONSERVATION

1.	Replace regular shower heads with low-flow shower heads or flow restrictors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low-flow shower heads deliver 2.5 gallons of water per minute and are relatively inexpensive.</li><li>• Old shower heads use 5 to 7 gallon per minute.</li></ul>	500-800
2.	Taking shorter showers by one to two minutes	700
3.	Taking a bath instead of a shower once a day <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 gallon savings for each bath taken versus taking a shower</li></ul>	600
4.	A "Navy" shower will save water. Due to the lack of fresh water aboard a ship, sailors are taught to get wet, turn off the water, soap and scrub, and then turn the water back on to rinse.	
5.	Install a low-flow toilet that uses 1.6 gallons of water per flush which could save as much as 20% in water consumption as compared to an older toilet which uses 3.5 to 5 gallons per flush.	
6.	One person turning the water off when brushing your teeth and then turning the water on to rinse will save three gallon per day.	90
7.	When washing dishes by hand, use a spray device or short blasts instead of letting water run for rinsing.	250-500
8.	If you use just enough dish detergent to get dishes clean, you can save water in unnecessary rinsing.	50 -150
9.	Try to save the running water that is wasted while waiting for hot water. Collect the colder water in a container and use it for water indoor plants and etc.	100-300

10.	Fixing leaky faucets or pipes joints will save 20 gallon per day. A leaky faucet may simply need a new washer. Replace toilet handles that stick.	600
11.	Fix or shut-off dripping faucets will save 15 gallon each day.	450
12.	Use a partially filled bathroom sink to rinse your razor instead of letting the water run while you shave will save 3 gallon per day.	90
13.	Use dye tablets or food coloring once a year to check for toilet leaks. Remove the toilet tank cover and drip 10 drops of food coloring into tank, wait 15 minutes and check for color in the toilet bowl. If you see any color in your toilet bowl, then you have a leak and it should be repaired immediately.	200
14.	Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. Using a wastebasket instead of the toilet for tissues and other bits of trash will save water	
15.	Keeping a bottle of water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of running the tap.	300
16.	When rinsing vegetables, use a filled pan instead of running water,	200
17.	Plan ahead to defrost food by allowing it to thaw in the refrigerator or in the microwave oven instead of letting the water run over the food for thawing.  If you are determined to use water to defrost frozen food, then place it in a pan of water to conserve water.	100
18.	A dishwasher uses the same amount of water whether it is full or just partially full of dishes, so you should delay the washing of dishes until you are able to fill the dishwasher and avoid multiple washings.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many dishwashers have a water saver cycle and consumers should learn how to use it.</li> </ul>	

19.	<p>Select the proper water level for laundry since many clothes washers allow control over the amount of water to be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A front-load washing machine uses 1/3 less water than a top-loading machine.</li> </ul>	
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**Water Savings  
in Gallons  
per Month**

**OUTDOOR CONSERVATION**

1.	Watering a lawn in early morning or early evening when there is less evaporation.	
2.	Adjust the lawn sprinkler to avoid watering side walks, streets and driveways.	300
3.	Letting your lawn grow longer in the dry weather will keep your lawn's soil moister and require less water.	500
4.	Fixing leaky faucets or pipes joints will save 20 gallon per day. A leaky faucet may simply need a new washer.	600
5.	Fix or shut-off dripping faucets will save 15 gallon each day.	450
6.	Consider a drip irrigation system around trees, shrubs, and gardens which permits water to flow slowly to roots. This type of watering encourages strong root systems with less evaporation from sprinkling water..	
7.	Mowing lawns higher than normal results in longer leaf surfaces and promotes deeper rooting and shade for the root zone while requiring less water to be healthy. Return mulched clippings to the lawn provides greater shade and assist in reducing the rate of evaporation of soil moisture and surface watering.	
8.	Avoid allowing the water to run while washing a vehicle. Wet the vehicle then turn the water off.	

	Soap the car down using a bucket of soapy water and then turn on the water to rinse.	
9.	Cover your swimming pool will assist in reducing evaporation and reduce the periodic need to top of the pool. A pool cover can cut the loss of evaporating water by 90%.	
10.	Use swimming pool water to irrigate your lawn, plants, trees and shrubs from the back-washing or draining operations.	
11.	Use shut-off nozzles on hoses to completely turn off the water when you are not using it	
12.	Rainwater from roof tops can be collected and delivered by the house gutters to a container(s) for garden use and etc.	

### **Indoor Water Consumption Facts**

Toilets	33%
Washing Machines	22%
Showers	21%
Baths	9%
Kitchen Faucets & Dishwashers	9%
<u>Bathrooms Faucets</u>	<u>6%</u>
	100%