



Water Saving Guide

Water Conservation is everybody's job!
How much can **you** save?

Water saving tip	Amount saved
<i>Inside your home ...</i>	
Take a five minute shower instead of a bath.	About 15 gallons per shower.
Install a low-flow shower head to reduce water use by 50% or more.	About 3 gallons per minute per shower.
Bathe in a tub less than half-filled with water.	10-15 gallons per bath.
Ultra-low flush toilets use 1.6 gallons of water per flush rather than 6 gallons.	Almost 4 gallons per flush.
For older toilets, put a water-filled plastic jug in the tank, away from working parts.	2 gallons per flush.
Flush toilets half as often as before.	At least 12 gallons per day per person.
Don't use toilet as a wastebasket or ashtray. Flush only when essential.	At least 12 gallons per day per person.
When brushing teeth, use a glassful of water instead of running the tap.	3 or more gallons per brushing.
When shaving, instead of running water, partially fill basin and use stopper.	3 gallons per shave.
Install a low-flow aerator faucet to replace older models.	2.5 gallons per minute per person.
Handwash dishes in a filled basin, not with water running.	25 gallons per load.
Wait to run automatic dishwasher until you have a full load.	10-12 gallons per each cycle not run.
Run automatic dishwasher load on short cycle rather than standard cycle.	3-4 gallons per load.
Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator instead of running it at the tap until it cools.	About 2 gallons per drink.
To clean foods, use a brush and a bowl full of water, instead of running water over fruits and vegetables.	2-10 gallons per meal.
Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator, not under running water.	5 gallons or more per meal.
<i>Around the yard ...</i>	
Water landscaping three times per week, no more than 1 hour per zone	Over 500 gallons a week in the summer.
Water in the evening or morning to prevent rapid evaporation during the heat of the day.	35 gallons per 1/2 acre per watering not needed.
Use a nozzle on your garden hose which can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray.	5 gallons per minute.
Use a broom or rake rather than a hose to remove pine needles and debris from driveway.	25 gallons per 5 minutes of work.
Cover the jacuzzi to slow down the evaporation of water from it.	Equivalent of its volume each year.
Use car wash that recycles water, or wash your car at home.	500 gallons per wash.
Wash your car with a bucket, sponge, and a hose with a shut-off valve (and re-use water for chrome, hub caps and wheels.)	85 gallons or more per wash.